



Academic Committee
April 14, 2023
8:30 am
Director of Communication Office

Participants:

Ryan McDonald, Board President
Elizabeth Sillies
Megan Rivet
Lisa Whiteley

*Please know that no decisions were made during this meeting. The purpose of this committee is to discuss the academics of the Three Rivers Local School District. Any District decisions are made during Board of Education meetings. These meeting dates can be found on the Three Rivers Local School District website.

1) Welcome and Agenda Review

2) Elizabeth Sillies - CKLA/Amplify ELA updates, DIBELS, Next year K-6

Elizabeth meets with the teams every Thursday to ensure that CKLA is being implemented in the curriculum and supports the teachers when needed. She shared the presentation from the staff meeting.

Elizabeth shared that CKLA seems to be the “norm” now. A lot of teachers are having good takeaways from the program. Preschool is now also asking to see the CKLA program to see if they are interested in exploring the curriculum as well.

The question “are standards being met” has been asked by teachers. This question is why the shared document was created. The standards are being met but not in the way teachers were used to in the past. Elizabeth shared with them how these standards are met and what it looks like in CKLA. The program keeps building and cycling, K-8.

The other question being asked is if CKLA is preparing students for testing. Elizabeth confirms that this is actually a better way to prepare students for tests as it is more comprehensive. They are being prepped on day one of kindergarten for testing later.

DeWine has been going and visiting schools that are using CKLA because he sees the science of reading working for student success.

Mr. McDonald asked if there was any concerns with the content. Elizabeth said no parents have complained. However, they have had parents compliment the effect that CKLA is having on their child.

Art and STEM are also integrating/aligning the CKLA content into their specials classrooms.

The elementary monthly newsletter incorporates CKLA content so that parents know what their child is learning and provides support for students to help their child at home.

DIBELS 8 - measures the skills component. Benchmarking occurs 3x/year. Elizabeth shared three years of data from this assessment. The results show a huge amount of growth in the middle of year results in 2022-2023. 20% and below also received the DIBEL test in 5th and 6th grade. Next year they will DIBEL all 5th and 6th grade students also to ensure intervention opportunities are not missed.

3) ESEA Endorsement

This is a federal requirement. We are a Title I school District-wide. Because of this, every aide needs the ESEA Endorsement on their license. All aides that have permits due this year will start the process first of obtaining their endorsement. The exam is \$85 and we have approximately 13 people taking the exam this year. We will continue to work to get 100% of the TRLSA aides the ESEA Endorsement.

Colleen Buzek is taking the test early and will run sessions at the Jackets Academy to explain the process to other aides.

4) Jacket Academy Preview

Megan shared the May 5th Jacket Academy schedule and overall plan for the day. This is an in-house PD day that provides staff with professional development options.

5) Other

Math piloting for adoption is going well. The goal is that the final decision will be on the agenda in May for board approval. This will be for math, grades 5-8. The elementary will pilot math programs next year.

They don't anticipate any shipping issues for CKLA materials for the 2023-24 school year. They believe that was just a result of it being the first year.

TRLSA has had about six districts asking about CKLA as they look into adopting the program as well.

6) Set next meeting date

Monday, May 22, 2023 - 8:30 am - CT Young