

Instruction Committee Minutes
Rochester School Department - Virtual
November 19, 2020
6:00 PM

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Members Present

Mr. Robert Watson, Chair
Mrs. Matthew Pappas
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mrs. Sarah Harrington

Members Absent

Mr. Nathaniel Byrne
Mr. Thomas O'Connor

Also Present

Dr. Sandie MacDonald
Mr. Kyle Repucci
Guests & Public

Mr. Watson called the meeting to order on a roll call at 7:22 p.m. with a quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Harrington, moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2020 Instruction Committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Amended 2020-2021 District and Maple Street Magnet Calendars

Dr. Sandie MacDonald, Assistant Superintendent, presented the proposed amended 2020-2021 district and Maple Street Magnet calendars. The calendar changes are due to the earlier start to remote learning and the language in regards to para-academy on January 6 and February 10 has been removed.

Mrs. Harrington, moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to recommend the Board approve the amended calendars for the Rochester School District and Maple Street Magnet School 2020-2021. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

2021 – 2022 Maple Street Magnet Calendar Draft – No Action Required

Dr. MacDonald, shared the 2021-2022 Maple Street Magnet calendar draft for review.

5 Year Plan – No action required

Dr. MacDonald suggested that next month, Principals, Mrs. Heidi Zollman and Mrs. Kathy Cotton present on how things are going with personalized learning during remote learning.

Public Comment - None

Other – No action required

Mr. Watson inquired about what testing has been done this school year. Dr. MacDonald explained, because we're a PACE District, assessments were done last year. As part of the Cares Act Grant Fund Application our commitment is to do interim bench mark testing. In the Fall we did NWEA and Dibles testing. NWEA testing is open in the winter for those school that want to participate. Data will be brought to Instruction Committee after the Spring 2021 testing is completed to compare where the students were at in the Fall and were they are at in the Spring.

Mrs. Grassie inquired about Mrs. Heidi Zollman presenting this month about iPads and Chromebooks, as was in the October 15, 2020 minutes. Mrs. Zollman will present in December.

Adjournment

Mrs. Harrington, moved, second by Mr. Pappas, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Robert Watson, Chair