Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

September 27, 2021

A meeting of the Teaching and Learning Committee of the Board of Education was held on the above date at the Educational Service Center at 5:30 p.m. Board committee members present: Bev Beal-Loeck, Mary Kuntz, John Kraus, Jr., and Lisa Panzer.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the district's Virtual School. The district partners with Wisconsin Virtual School for grades 6-12 and JEDI for grades 4K-5. He reviewed the referral process for students in grades 4K-6 and the additional criteria for grades 7-12. Enrollments currently vary due to significant medical needs, mask compliance, and preference (grades 7-12). He explained that there is an ease of access to virtual learning when students are onboarded. Monitoring will continue to determine what virtual instruction means for students' academic success.

Mr. Meyer presented an update on Achievement Gap Reduction (AGR). The AGR schools are Lincoln, Jefferson, and Washington Elementary Schools. He reviewed the strategies in grades K-3 that allow schools to receive funding with the goal of reducing the achievement gap and increasing student achievement. He explained that by November 1st of each school year, a brief description of the strategy(ies) the school board intends to implement for each school is reported to the Department of Public Instruction. This is an initial plan that may be modified as needed. A report is also produced in the Spring indicating what strategies were actually implemented. He reviewed the 2021-2022 School Year Plan recommendations, which include instructional coaching plans at each school.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2021, at 5:30 pm.