Beaver Dam Unified School District Board of Education Minutes

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

January 23, 2023

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: Mary Kuntz, Maria Mason, Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on professional learning. He reviewed the Professional Learning Plan objectives and actions for elementary, middle school, and high school levels. He shared updates on trauma sensitive schools, responsive classroom, behavioral interventions, instructional coaching, and AVID training. He reviewed areas of focus for next school year and said that development will continue as a Professional Learning Community.

Mr. Meyer provided an overview of the Advanced Learning Support: Gifted and Talented plan and information. The plan is part of the ongoing process to provide enrichment and extension opportunities as needed to meet students' needs. He reviewed the goals and intent of the plan, including the process to identify and support students who are gifted and talented. He explained that the next steps include using data to begin identifying students, developing Differentiated Education Plans, and developing resources for educators to support advanced learners. He noted that the goal in math instruction is to ensure every student has a sound understanding of math practices and the district has a pathway for students who meet criteria to take the appropriate courses.

Mr. Meyer reported that Honors Pre-Calculus is currently offered at the High School. For the 2023-2024 school year, AP Precalculus is offered as an option from the College Board. Offering this course will provide more opportunities for students. He recommended that the Honors Pre-Calculus course be replaced with the title of AP Precalculus for 2023-2024, revising the curriculum to align appropriately. There is no need to update materials at this time.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2023.