

**Beaver Dam Unified School District  
Board of Education Minutes**

**Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting**

**October 12, 2020**

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: John Kraus, Jr., Laura Lerwick, Lisa Panzer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the Curriculum Review Cycle. He reviewed the cycle and the process for each year of the cycle. Reading moved to a 6-year cycle to align with resource purchases. Student support services, such as Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) and English Language Learners (ELL), will be added to the cycle for regular review.

Mr. Peters, District Assessment and Technology Officer, reported on School Perceptions survey results from 2019-2020. Students in grades 5-11 completed a student engagement survey from April to May. The goal of the survey was to identify how to best serve students to ensure lifelong success. Questions focused on connectedness, drive, citizenship, preparation, social and emotional aptitude, wellness, academic and career planning (Grades 6-11), and equity. A staff survey was conducted mid-April through May using 13 indexes of staff engagement in the areas of people, place, and process. A family survey was conducted late-April through early-May. The results were separated by staff and non-staff responses. Results showed that 70% of staff families and 62% of non-staff families were satisfied with the district overall.

Mr. Meyer shared background information relating to waivers to statutory requirements of schools. With the impact of COVID-19, additional guidance on completing waivers has been created. The DPI only has the authority to exercise flexibility that is allowed at the state level. State testing is closely aligned with Federal requirements; therefore, the DPI does not have flexibility unless it is given at the Federal level. State statute may have flexibility with teacher evaluations or instructional design. A few curricular changes have been made that now need consideration. The district continues to monitor instructional hours and there is no need for a waiver application at this time. The district is exploring the possibility of providing flexibility in the certified staff evaluation process. He shared the process that needs to be followed if the district needs a waiver for any applicable reason.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for November 16.