

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

Teaching and Learning Committee Meeting

July 20, 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: Laura Lerwick, Lisa Pazer, and Gary Spielman.

Mr. Meyer, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided an update on the English Language Learner (ELL) review. He explained that the district partnered with CESA 2 to conduct an independent study of the district's ELL program. The results of the review will be utilized to develop and execute a collaborative action plan for program improvement. This is part of a process for ongoing improvement to support students. He shared key report findings, which include favorable reviews from families, increased linguistic growth and proficiency in English Language Arts and math for students receiving ELL services, evaluation of current placement practices to provide rigorous and inclusive opportunities, increase resources and support for families, evaluation of school environment to ensure it is culturally and linguistically responsive. He shared the next steps and timeline.

Mr. Meyer reviewed a plan to form an Equity Advisory to allow a forum of transparency and feedback of school district efforts to allow for the strongest possible impacts. The details of the Advisory were discussed, along with the reason for calling it Advisory versus Team. An advisory group allows it to be more effective since equity is a commitment and not something that comes out of a committee. He shared the scope of the Advisory and the representation that will be comprise it. He indicated that the district can immediately review library and media resources to ensure that resources are available that represent all students. He also mentioned that Social Studies is the next department that will be reviewing curriculum K-12.

The next committee meeting is scheduled for September 21.