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## **RSU 12 Curriculum, Learning, and Instruction Committee Agenda/Minutes**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

**Chelsea Elementary School – 5:30 pm**

Present: [Frank Hample](#), [Will Sugg](#), [Doug Morier](#), [Deb Taylor](#), [Kelli Krebs](#)

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2021: (5 minutes)**

[Unanimous](#)

### **2. CURRICULUM UPDATE: (10 minutes)**

RSU 12 Teachers and administrators participated in an online Math professional development opportunity to support implementation of the K-5 Illustrative Math pilot. The focus was on the learning progressions to see how learners grow in mathematical understanding over time. This allows teachers to be more purposeful in their use of manipulatives and more diagnostic in their interventions for students who are struggling or demonstrate a readiness for more advanced learning. In addition to this training, the administrative team has started a professional learning community focused on better understanding the Math program and what effective mathematics instruction looks like. This will help administrators further support teachers in their understanding and implementation.

Teachers have also been engaged in live and online (synchronous and asynchronous) training in the use of Brightspace. They continue to work to design instructional materials in the platform and to translate instructional best practices to a digital environment.

### **3. REMOTE LEARNING - NEEDS, CHALLENGES AND BARRIERS (Continued): (10 minutes)**

[Overall, we'd like to determine how we will assess the impact of the pandemic on learning and to what degree we have recovered from that impact. In addition, we would like to determine what we've learned and in what ways we are better for the experiences we've gone through incident to the pandemic. It would be helpful to examine our data in comparison to State-wide data. This won't likely be available until after the State assessment this spring.](#)

[In the near term,](#)

- [• bring winter NWEA data to next meeting](#)
- [• survey staff and parents about what has worked and what we'd like to retain from this experience](#)
- [• survey families about connectivity as well to determine whether there has been any improvement](#)
- [• survey teachers about the extent to which students are collaborating online outside of school](#)
- [• Determine whether and in what ways universities are adjusting their teacher preparation programs based on the experiences of the pandemic](#)

### **4. MATH CURRICULUM PILOTS (10 minutes)**

[Current Math pilot of OpenUp Resources in grades 6-8 and Illustrative Math in grades K-5 will likely move forward into 2021-22 to provide additional time to gather data and explore the](#)



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program. This will allow for a more informed decision about next steps. It should not have budget implications for 2021-22.

5. **FOREIGN LANGUAGE UPDATE: (10 minutes)**  
Discussed current programming - foreign languages classes to grade 3-5 students district-wide. Committee would like to have Tatiana Lopyreva (foreign language teacher) come to a future committee meeting to share a little about the current program, number of students, goals, and vision for how the program might expand.
6. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**  
Foreign Language discussion and future planning - March
7. **OTHER:**
8. **COMMITTEE ACTION ITEMS (Once marked complete, the item will be removed from the list for the following month):**
9. **ACTION FOR NEXT MEETING:**
  - Bring winter NWEA data to next meeting
  - Survey staff and parents about what has worked and what we'd like to retain from this experience
  - Survey families about connectivity as well to determine whether there has been any improvement
  - Survey teachers about the extent to which students are collaborating online outside of school
  - Determine whether and in what ways universities are adjusting their teacher preparation programs based on the experiences of the pandemic
  - Invite Tatiana Lopyreva to next meeting
10. **NEXT MEETING DATE: March 11, 2021**

**END TIME: 6:25pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

Deborah Taylor  
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