



# *South River Elementary School*

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## **School Council Meeting Notes**

**Thursday, October 19, 2023**

**3:00 - 4:00 PM**

**Reading Book Room**

### **1. Early Literacy Presentation by Caitlyn Gable - Reading Specialist**

- all reading specialists presented this presentation during Curriculum Nights
- we're looking at adopting a new ELA curriculum for next school year
- we have really great things in place already for early literacy
- EarlyBird Screener is an early literacy screener and doubles as a dyslexia screener; was developed by FCRR and Boston Children's Hospital; assesses phonological awareness and alphabet knowledge
- iReady Reading Diagnostic (grades 2 & 3)
- Programs: Heggerty for phonological awareness (K-2) and Foundations for phonics (K-3)
- Prevention: a team approach - systematic explicit instruction in phonological awareness and phonics; some receive in a small group; skills are taught to mastery
- Intervention model: double dose; as well as additional support
- ELA curriculum adoption for next year

### **2. Opening/Welcoming**

- introductions
- members in attendance: Emily Baird, Amy Fultz, Deirdre Fleming, Kathleen Durfee, Lauren Dargan, Joyce Kinsman, Jeannine Hatch

### **3. Overview of the MPSD Strategic Plan 2023-2028**

- Marshfield has created a new strategic plan; can be found on our website
- Begins with a Mission Statement, Core Values, Vision Statement, & Theory of Action
- there are four pillars & the strategic objectives within the four pillars will be the focus of our work at the elementary level - from that we frame our elementary school improvement plans - working to make the school improvements plans more cohesive between all five elementary schools
- SRS SIP draft will tie into our data - new dashboard is under development right now and we will look at that as a council soon
- Pillar 1 - Equity, Delonging, and Wellness
- continue to look at text sets about common topics for ELA, Social Studies, Science

through DEIB lens

- more opportunities for students to experience other cultures - can our school council focus on this for our students? Hope to engage families back into our schools
- would love to include culture and diversity piece into this aspect; embedded into our culture vs. stand alone events
- SEL strategies - strengthen & ensure it's part of our culture
- PTO - promote community engagement and events; larger community involvement with specific volunteer opportunities, sometimes when signing up to volunteer you might not know exactly what's needed
- international night - represent different cultures - home component; food, art work, comprehensive and highly attended by families
- Pillar 2: Teaching learning and leading
- aligned curriculum; ELA focus; 2nd year bridges implementation
  - MTSS - student support team; protocol as an elementary school - equitable across all 5 elementary schools
- Pillar 3: Community Engagement and Communications
  - SRS weekly newsletter; thrillshare and social media
  - share with community what's happening at school
  - classrooms (dojo - alot for everyone to see - how to streamline it - can they be linked - one stop shop to get to all the places
- Pillar 4: Management and Operations
  - schools start/end time
  - funding for capital needs
- monitor class size
  - SRS not handicap accessible - plans reviewed for cost for elevator and a ramp; bathroom
  - approved by budget sub committee school committee - didn't make it to town meeting yet - in capital budget to move forward

#### 4. Approve Meeting Minutes from 11/3/2022, 1/26/2023, and 6/1/2023

- approved
- Thursdays - will set dates; every six to eight weeks

#### 5. Closure

- positive affirmations word search activity