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Curriculum & Instruction
Subcommittee Meeting

Thursday, June 18, 2026
Central Administration Building
TV Studio - 5th Floor
5:00 p.m.

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Subcommittee Members Present:

Chairperson Martin (Zoom) and Mr. Bahou.
Ms. Delrossi was absent

School Department Personnel Present:

Dr. Fox Roye, Assistant Superintendent
Ms. Crocker-Roberge, Assistant Superintendent

Chairperson Martin called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m. The following agenda items were discussed:

1. Continued discussion around professional development

Chairperson Martin opened the meeting and noted that the focus of the evening's discussion would be additional professional development related to the new reading program. She then invited Dr. Fox Roye to provide an overview.

Dr. Fox Roye informed the subcommittee that, to ensure successful implementation of ARC Foundational Skills, the new ARC Core Scope and Sequence, and the EL Education curriculum, a coordinated summer professional learning plan has been developed. The plan is designed to equip teachers, Literacy Specialists, Instructional Specialists, and principals with the knowledge, tools, and support necessary for a successful launch of the 2026-2027 school year. Through targeted professional learning, curriculum internalization, and ongoing coaching, educators will build their capacity to deliver explicit instruction in foundational literacy skills, implement a knowledge rich literacy curriculum, and support all students in developing strong reading, writing, and comprehension skills.

Dr. Fox Roye reported that elementary and secondary training sessions will take place on June 24 and June 26, 2026, with some sessions offered virtually. School-based ARC and EL training will follow on August 24 2026, and will be facilitated by TNTP. She also noted that ongoing team learning and coaching cycles will continue throughout the school year, with support provided over three to six week intervals.

Ms. Martin asked whether the professional learning would be incorporated into common planning time.

Dr. Fox Roye responded that this is the district's plan, although additional funding may be needed to fully support the initiative.

Ms. Martin then asked how many teachers are expected to participate.

Dr. Fox Roye stated that approximately 200 educators have registered to date, but she is hopeful that participation will increase.

Mr. Bahou inquired whether the program utilizes physical textbooks or is entirely computer-based.

Dr. Fox Roye explained that the district initially purchased print materials; however, due to current fiscal constraints, additional copies cannot be purchased at this time. As a result, the curriculum materials are now primarily provided in a digital format. She noted that the digital platform offers the advantage of continuous updates and improvements, allowing the district to remain current with instructional changes. In contrast, relying solely on traditional textbooks would require the district to purchase new editions on an ongoing basis which our budget at this time would not fund.

Ms. Martin asked how much funding the district received through the PRISM grant.

Dr. Fox Roye stated that the district received approximately \$3 million in PRISM funding.

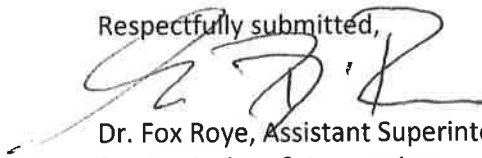
Mr. Bahou noted that the funding was intended to support the district for two years and that the district is now entering its third year.

Dr. Fox Roye confirmed that his understanding was correct.

Dr. Fox Roye also reported that three highly qualified facilitators have been identified and specifically requested to lead this summer's professional learning sessions.

Mr. Bahou moved to adjourn at 5:20 p.m.; the motion was seconded by Chairperson. The motion passed with 3 yeas.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dr. Fox Roye', is written over the text 'Respectfully submitted,'.

Dr. Fox Roye, Assistant Superintendent
for Curriculum & Instruction
for Liam Skinner, Superintendent

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