

# Bemidji District Curriculum Advisory Committee

7:00-8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 11 2016  
District Board Room, Downtown Education Center

**Committee Members Present:** Ami Aalgaard, Erin Curran, Mary Fairbanks, Jim Hess, Donna Hickerson, Drew Hildenbrand, Carol L. Johnson, Ann LongVoelkner, Amanda Mix, Kathy Palm, Brian Stefanich, Kathy VanWert, Sonia Wadena, Janine Wahl

## Minutes:

1. The meeting started at 7:00 a.m. with introductions.
2. We reviewed the minutes from the May 10, 2016 meeting. We discussed the new Edgenuity Online Learning program available for grades 6-12. So far, teachers have received two trainings, and we can still schedule two more days and four webinars. AEC is using the program for their curriculum, Bemidji High School will use it for Credit Recovery, and Bemidji Middle School will use it to remediate math and reading skills. Eventually, teachers can use the program to supplement their current curriculum.

The 2016 summer program was located at Bemidji High School last summer, and that worked well while the middle school received a new HVAC system. The Targeted Services/21<sup>st</sup> Century program served 243 students in grades 2-8, the 21<sup>st</sup> Century high school program served 62 students in grades 9-12, Summer Kids provided services to 328 children, and Indian Education provided intense Reading Recovery to 11 students. In addition, special education provided extended school year services at BHS and Lincoln.

One District, One book is going strong. Dr. Hess raised \$16,000 to purchase enough books for all students in grades K-5, including the nonpublic schools. He is providing a skit for the elementary schools as a kick-off event, and students will take the book, *The World According to Humphrey*, home to read with their parents. In addition, audio chapters are available on our web site, and videos of readers will be available on the high school channel.

3. Kathy shared the 2016 District & State Assessment Summary, which included AIMSweb for kindergarten and grade 1, NWEA Measures of Academic Progress for grades 2-9, MCAs for grades 3-8, 10 and 11, Advanced Placement for grades 10-12, ACT for grade 12, and the college credits earned for Bemidji High School. The district is outperforming the State in math and science MCAs and just below the state in reading MCAs. Bemidji American Indian, students receiving free and reduced lunch, and highly mobile students are outperforming the State. State special education outperforms Bemidji, but Bemidji special education proficiency increased this year in all three subjects. Bemidji outperformed the state and nation in Advanced Placement and ACT, with the exception of English.
4. Kathy shared the 2016 Multiple Measurement Rating (MMR) Report with a comparison to other years starting with 2011. The MMR is based on proficiency, student growth, closing

achievement gaps, and graduation rates. This system will be changing next year with the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

5. Kathy shared the 2015-2016 World's Best Workforce Report and showed where it is posted on the web at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/> under Curriculum & World's Best Workforce. She shared the required elements and provided the 2015-2016 Bemidji Area School Successes, which summarizes positive improvements for every school.
6. We discussed the 2016-2017 District Goals. We also discussed the Rural & Low-Income Grant and the fact that Bemidji will not receive this funding this year. Kathy also provided the members with the 2016-2017 State Testing Dates.
7. The next meeting for the District Curriculum Advisory Committee is Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 7:00 a.m.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:10.