Committee Of the Whole (COW): Curriculum Update 14-Sep-2021

This is a sample of some of the initiatives happening in 2021-2022.

HONOURING CULTURE AND TERRITORY

STRATEGIES:

- Provide resources and professional growth to develop an understanding of Indigenous history, worldviews, and perspective
- Continue to participate in the Equity Scan
- + Embed Indigenous worldviews and tools in future decision making

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Heart Canoe teacher inquiry project
- SWSW Book Club for staff (teachers, EAs, YCWs, ILWs, administrators, etc.)
- "Self-Location" reflexivity workshop with mentor teachers
- Equity Scan: reviewing assessment practices, including more student voice and involvement through the assessment pilot
- Dr. Kevin Lamoureux evening session
- Dr. Sara Florence Davidson at PVP Retreat: "Localizing Pedagogies of Belonging"
- School connectedness and belonging: PVP retreat, and ongoing MDI review
- MSS Studio
- Teacher-Librarian meetings learning about authentic resources

FUTURE ORIENTATION

GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

- Strengthen support and services for learners to address shifting learning requirements
 - Utilize contemporary teaching practices to encourage student critical and creative thinking
 - Provide contemporary technology and tools to assist and enhance learning and skill development across all curricular areas

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Offer of expansion of assessment pilot (elementary and middle)
- MSS yearlong sessions with Katie White ("Softening the Edges") on assessment practices
- Workshops to support use of digital platforms for student portfolios
- Possible science workshops, highlighting Indigenous knowledge
- Student MPSD emails

STUDENT CENTRED LEARNING

GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

- Create positive learning experiences that support literate and numerate students
- Foster collaborative learning environments
 - Develop student understanding and ownership of their learning

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Student Centred Learning continued...

- Support social and emotional learning
- Apply trauma informed practices

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Joyful Math Year 1 at École Christine Morrison
- Joyful Math Year 2 at École Mission Central
- Building Thinking Classrooms book club (elementary and middle/secondary)
- Teaching Elementary Mathematics 101: From Planning to Instruction
- Introducing and supporting new elementary pre/post assessments
- Middle/Secondary math department collaboration
- Continued support of transitions with a SEL and TIP lens
- Kindergarten pro-d sessions (SEL and well-being, numeracy, literacy)
- Continued participation in Changing Results for Young Children (SEL development)
- Literacy collaboration (with Student Services)
- Trauma Informed Practice sessions for CUPE (clerical, EAs, YCWs, bus drivers, SAs)
- + Principal and Vice-Principal August retreat (TIP case study), and ongoing
- MSS Studio

EFFECTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

- + Maintain welcoming, modern, healthy, safe, and inclusive working and learning environments
- Recognize that diversity in the school community benefits all and ensure students are meaningfully included in the learning environment
 - Further the progress of inclusive teaching strategies
 - Develop a district wide mental health strategy

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- Principal and Vice Principal August retreat (Universal Design for Learning), ongoing
- Pulling Together conference (October 22, 2021): "Holding Hope" wellness focus for adults, students, and families
- Continued work with mentor teachers
- SEL in the classroom, SEL for adults
- EDI this year

QUALITY TEACHING AND LEADERSHIP

GOALS AND STRATEGIES:

- *Support all staff to adapt to the rapidly changing educational environment and students' needs*
 - Provide professional learning and collaboration opportunities for all staff
 - o Continue staff mentoring, leadership, collaboration, and professional learning opportunities

SAMPLE OPPORTUNITIES:

- See above
- Professional learning for clerical staff
- Ongoing TL meetings