

Board of Education Workshop  
Monday, March 10, 2025  
4:30 PM  
Montrose Elementary School of Innovation  
100 - 2nd St S  
Montrose, MN 55363

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## MINUTES

Present: Angie Greig, Bob Sansevere, Amanda Lawrence, Adam Bjorklund, Mike Honsey, Sheila Smude - Matt Hoffman arrived at 4:34 pm

1. Presentation: Tony Steffes, Montrose Elementary School of Innovation Principal  
Addition of outdoor pavilion used as outdoor classroom. Met previous year's MCA growth goal. Hosting AVID showcase. 80% of staff have achieved Catalyst certification. Provided a schedule of events planned for the remainder of the year including career theme events.
2. Legal Update  
Scott Thielman, Superintendent  
Mick Walspurger, Squires, Walspurger and Mace P.A.  
Provided background/historical information regarding the school district transgender lawsuit and current law and information about current executive orders. The District's Supplement to Policy 102 reiterates what was mandated by law.
3. Statewide Assessment Report  
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Rob Nosbush, District Assessment Coordinator  
Fall presentation will include the results of district testing.  
Reviewed all the tests given in BHM schools.  
History - 1998 – Graduation Standards initiated. In 2002 No Child Left Behind – Federal mandate for testing. 2003 transitioned to MN Academic Standards. 2015 - Every Student Succeeds Act replaced No Child Left Behind. MCAs help us look at a grade level proficiency, not individual proficiency.
4. K-4 Science Curriculum Adoption Proposal  
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Jennina Rothstein, Instructional Support Specialist  
Science standards have been changing and are being implemented accordingly over the past years. Have piloted Mystery Science this fall. This program was approved for Grade 5 last year and is being recommended for Grade K-4. Pilot teacher commented students were engaged and wanted more.

5. World Language Curriculum Adoption Proposal  
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Kaia Grant, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator  
Have used Carnegie Learning for the past 10 years. No state standards in World Language. Various resources were reviewed. Recommendation will be presented at the March board meeting for Spanish, French and German.
6. Secondary Math Curriculum Adoption - Addendum  
Pam Miller, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Kaia Grant, Secondary Curriculum Coordinator  
Final addendum for Math curriculum regarding PreCalculus and Calculus.
7. Committee Reports  
AL – AMSD, PES principal interviews  
BS – WTC