

Teaching and Learning Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, November 21, 2022

**MSAA Teaching and Learning Committee shall:**

- *Encourage the continual evaluation and development of curriculum, instruction, and assessment in the best interests of the student's being served.*
- *Conduct surveys of current best practices and disseminate information to the membership in regard to innovative ideas and successful programs.*
- *Organize and promote workshops, conferences, and publications.*
- *Establish liaison with all other organizations studying curriculum development and instructional practices.*
- *Promote articulation between elementary schools, middle schools and high schools.*
- *Coordinate as appropriate with the Legislative Committee.*

**1. Call to Order**

By Kim Taylor & Yolanda Burnett

**2. Welcome**

Attendees: Kim Taylor, Bobbie French, John Quinn, Yolanda Burnett, Liz Garden, Nat Vaughn, Tiffany Black, Meghan Sheridan

**3. Meeting Minutes [October 17, 2022](#)**—Moved by Liz Garden, Second by Nat Vaughn..no discussion; accepted unanimously.

**4. Sharing of Best Practices, John Quinn, MSAA Assistant Director**  
***Growing Courageous Leaders: Is something great happening at your school? Would you consider sharing it with MSAA membership? Consider facilitating a PD workshop or breakout session. Please contact John Quinn at [jquinn@msaa.net](mailto:jquinn@msaa.net) (posted on website and shared in the Executive Director's Update, October 6)***

**5. Sharing Innovative Practices from our Schools (highlight in the Executive Director's monthly update – distributed on the 15th of each month)**

Meghan Sheridan piloting 'Apple seeds foundational reading' program this year for literacy (Clinton) Diverse population more than 50% economically disadvantaged, the most important thing is teaching kids how to read, reached out to literacy connections. They were using Heggerty, Foundations, and Wit & Wisdom as well as Geodes... but this program has ALL of it built into the program. Even K is saying it's developmentally appropriate. K-2 currently and working on 3-4.

Liz- her district is doing learning walks in other districts (Upton-Mendon). This is the best PD to be

able to bring teachers on a 'field trip'. In December, they are looking at Literacy block and they are going to see what others are doing in other districts. They are also hosting some 2nd year teachers that are observing some of their teaching practices.

**6. Update from Brenda Muraao. Principal, Mary Lee Burbank School**

Brenda not available for the meeting

**7. EdCamp MA Leads at MSAA Office – Saturday, January 28, 2023 (7:30 am-12:30 pm)**

Bobbie will be scheduling an EdCamp planning session for all committees to participate (Elementary, T & L, HS/MS)

Make sure we invite the LLP students

Opportunity for PDPs toward re-certification

**8. PreK-8 Spring Conference – Thursday & Friday, March 16-17, 2023 (Devens Common Center) - Kim Taylor and Stephen Wiltshire**

***Brave and Courageous Leadership through an Anti-Racist Lens: Engaging in Critical Conversations that Include All Students***

**RFP is being updated now and will go out to all members shortly with a due date on January 17th. All presenters must register and pay for the conference. Topics related to diversity, equity, inclusion, justice and social emotional learning will be accepted. The proposal will be a Google form that will populate a spreadsheet and organized by Kim and Stephen. Google form will include the above strands for presenter to mark.**

Planning is well underway!! Currently collecting proposals for those that want to present. Another request will be emailed out as a stand alone email. The deadline is January 17th.

All presenters are being asked to register/pay for the conference. The cost of the conference is still being decided. A Thursday night event will be added- it is the night before St. Patrick's Day.

**9. Professional Development: Register now for**

a. [MSAA Professional Development and Conferences](#)

b. [SEL in the Classroom](#) – A two-day workshop with Jane Hardin, Ribas Associates and Publications (Nov. 30 & Dec. 13 @MSAA)

There are about 15 offerings currently- they are available on the website. Please share with you staff/colleagues

**Upcoming Committee Meetings: • Monday, January 23**

- Monday, February 13
- Monday, March 20
- Monday, April 24
- Monday, May 15
- Monday, June 19

**Adjourn**

**2022-2023 Teaching and Learning Committee Dates**

Monday, January 23 at 10:00

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