

## **Stewart Curriculum Meeting Notes 4/7/22**

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### **1. Literacy**

Stewart uses multiple approaches to literacy. Words Their Way is a phonics-based program that is being used in grades 3-5. Stewart uses Words Their Way workbooks at five different levels. Foundations is the phonics-based program that is used in grade 2—and that is also used in Kindergarten and grade 1 in the district's primary schools.

In accordance with the district's Multi-tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) plan, students who are struggling are identified via the NWEA test, classroom assessments, and the teacher's running record. Those identified as being at Tier 2 or Tier 3 can be pulled out of the classroom for additional support; intervention includes further diagnostic assessment as appropriate.

The Fountas and Pinnell (F & P) Benchmark Assessment System is used three times a year to assess a student's reading level. (In addition, ARPA—American Rescue Plan Act—funds have been used for reading, math and executive functioning purposes.)

### **2. Clubs/Co-curricular Enrichment**

The following clubs are planned: intramurals, cooking, mindfulness (students suggested), Spanish class, newsroom, Hispanic culture, and traditional games. Students are limited to one club choice only, and enrollment is first come, first served. Clubs will be held before and after school hours on school premises.

### **3. Computers**

Students interact with technology on a daily basis for learning purposes. For example, students learn how to login and log out, organize files, and upload and download. Students learn how to find relevant information and use digital tools such as Excel to create. Computer literacy standards are embedded in the curriculum. Ms. Maguire, the Technology Staff Developer, also visits classrooms.

#### **4. Math**

Participation in Math Olympiad is generally made on the basis of teacher recommendation, but students can also opt-in or opt-out. It is envisioned that Mathletes will resume in the future.