

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 15, 2012, 10:00 AM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu, Phyllis Pascucci
Administrators – Mary Beth Currie

Items for Discussion/Reports

1. Curriculum Guides

C&I reviewed the Curriculum Guides listed in Items for Approval section below and recommended their approvals by the whole board at the next board Meeting:

2. World Language

In 2012-2013, every student in Grades 1-6 will have World Language at least once a week. Some ideas about increasing World Language time/frequency/exposure were discussed, possibly using Spanish, which is the World Language in Grades 1-6, to teach a specific unit in a content area. Ms. Currie will look into some possible staff arrangement for this and other possibilities.

3. Science

Our district is creating a new science curriculum map for grades K-12, which is designed to ensure that students arrive at each grade level with the knowledge and skills they need. The map will be posted to the district website when it is complete. In the elementary grades, the curriculum will include at least three hands-on, lab-style units. Our HS science teachers are providing professional development for our K-3 teachers and 4-6 math/science teachers to deepen their science knowledge as needed in response to the curriculum changes. Our staff is enjoying this increased collaboration across the grade levels. We also have vendors coming in with science materials at various reading levels so all our children are appropriately supported.

4. Satz G/T Roll Out

We reviewed the finalized plans for bringing the district's gifted and talented program to Satz this fall.

5. 2012-2013 C&I Work Plan

We discussed work plans for the year ahead. They include a review of the HHS grading system and the weighting of exam grades, and further examination of the merits of offering a tuition-based complementary kindergarten program.

Items for Approval

1. Curriculum Guides

Adaptive Phy Ed Gr K-3

Adv Alg 2

Algebra 1 Gr. 8

Geometry

Health Ed Gr. 1

Health Ed Gr. 2

Health Ed Gr. 3

Health Ed Gr. K

Health Gr. 10 Driver Education

Health Gr. 12 First Aid/CPR/AED

Honors Pre-Calculus

Mathematics Gr. 8

Physical Ed Gr. 9-12

Physical Ed Gr. K-3

Principles of Chemistry

Science Gr. 6 (updated standards)

Items for information:

Next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:30am, 9/10/2012, Monday at Central Office, Village School.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai