

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE NOTES-MARCH 5 2013

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION-REPORTS-

1. Update on Writers Workshop-this writing program was implemented this September. All materials and resources for implementation were purchased and training for staff is ongoing. Feedback from staff has been positive.

2. Common Core Standards Review-Mary Beth Currie, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction showed the committee a power-point presentation overview of the Common Core Standards. One of the standards discussed was writing across the curriculum (writing in the content areas) especially focusing emphasis on the sciences. An update was also provided on the District's Common Core Implementation Committee. The first meeting was held in February. The committee is comprised of teaching staff, administrators, parents and a board member. An overview of the Common Core Standards was presented and discussion on how to share the process on implementation with the community and parent groups was discussed. The committee's next meeting is scheduled for sometime in March. There is also a Link on the District Website for the CCS and Parcc

3. AP Courses- there was discussion on enabling more students, who are not in AP classes, to successfully take the AP Exam by providing incentives and supports. Among the suggestions were guided self study, supervised independent study, and an extra- curricular enrichment program. The members of the committee are interested in pursuing this dialogue further in upcoming meetings. Mary Beth Currie will discuss this issue with Mr. Bill Loughran who will provide feedback to the committee at a future meeting.

4. Curriculum Writing Projects 2013-2014—discussion and approval

5. Donations for Approval-discussion and approval—on the March 13th board agenda