

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 5:30 PM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity
Administrators - Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan, Bill Loughran, Eric Swensen
Absent: Jerry Burke, Mary Hartnett

HSPA Performance:

Bill Loughran and Eric Swensen presented and discussed the HSPA data from recent years. While we continue to perform well in SAT and AP tests, our HSPA performance has not been great. One possible reason is that the students know that they'll pass the test anyway, and it won't impact their college applications thus it provides no incentive to excel in the HSPA test. A committee at HHS has been formed to look into this and to provide a long term strategy.

Senior Option:

Bill and Eric also discussed the current situation about not allowing free periods for seniors. They reported that some seniors may fail a course because that they don't need that course to graduate. This is not instructional effective and also a waste of our limited resources. Some ideas were presented; however, further research and discussion will be needed.

District Goals Presentations:

The two district goals presentations at the last board meeting on Gifted & Talented Program and Technology have been very well received. It is a great way to share the progress and future plans with the board and the public; it also helps our staff to take ownership, to think through what they have done and what the district should do next. Kudos to everyone involved!

Items for Approval:

Two curriculum guides are approved as well as several generous donations which will be on the Feb 25th board agenda.

Next Meeting: 5:30pm, 3/18/2009, Central Office Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai