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Mission: Portage Public Schools will educate all students to achieve their potential

Curriculum Instruction Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Mike Huber called the meeting of the Curriculum Instruction Council to order at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room of Central High School.

Members Present: Jennifer Bonner, Michelle Braat, Lisa Buchinger Aldrich, Merrie Conner, Andy DeVisser, Amy DiMaggion, John Dunlop, Donna Emerson, Rennee Flynn, Amanda Goyings, Amy Gray, Tara Heywood, Mike Huber, Wes Hyames, Jason Jarrett, Colin Killmer, Christy Klien, Peggy Link, Terri McDonald, Amy Meyer, Tony Moon, Karen Prater, Greg Rapp, Jan Ricce, Mary Roobol, Sharri Sackett, Anne Schnurstein, Kelly Schultz, Lisa Stucky, Jerry Swoboda, Molly Vandekoppel, Rhonda VanderVeen, Thea Vaughn, Rosa Vergel, Dan Vomastek, Sara Wagenaar, Lindsay Wagner, Joanne Willson, Helen Wynkoop

Members Absent: Brian Abbott, Ben Critz, Scott Cuel, Christy DeHaan, Kathy Elrod, Diane Falahee, Jim French, Bonnie Herbert, Larry Killips, Kelley Kocker, Xiaolan Li, Nancy Martin, Jeanine Mattson-Gearhart, Effie McCarren, Paul Murray, Ryan O'Neill, Beth Oudekerk, Shelley Rowson, Tama Salisbury, Pete Schermerhorn, Chuck Schira, Rick Searing, Mahsa Teachman, Stephanie Wagner, Jeanna Walker, Karen Warner, Jessica Winstanley

Action Items:

Approval of April 20, 2016 Minutes

Michelle Braat moved to approve the minutes as written.

Mary Roobol seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Modern American History Proposal

Tara Heywood moved to approve the Modern American History Proposal.

Amy Meyer seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of PCoHS Math Department Proposal

Jerry Swoboda moved to approve the PCoHS Math Dept. Proposal.

Jen Bonner seconded. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

Honors Committee Update

The honors committee finalized the Honors Course Guidelines when they met on May 17, 2016. Mike handed out a draft of the Guidelines and discussion occurred regarding changes that may need to be made. We are not voting on these guidelines at this point in time. The honors

committee would like to bring a proposal forward in September for October approval to go into the Administrative Guidelines.

Science & Social Studies Curriculum Review Updates

Mike will be selecting 12 teachers this week to be part of the Elementary Science Curriculum Review Team. These teachers, along with the middle school and high School science teams will be attending the Detroit Science Conference in August. We are still in need of some elementary/secondary parent reps to join our teams - please continue to ask parents at your PTO meetings.

Tara Heywood briefed the committee that the State of Michigan is getting ready to pass the C3 Curriculum, which is the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework for Social Studies. The Social Studies Curriculum Review Team is currently in the process of going through and trying to realign what we are teaching, specifically in 6th grade. This team would also love to have a parent join their group. Please let Mike Huber know if you are interested.

PLTW Pilot Update

Mike shared with the committee that the PLTW pilot is currently running at NMS and CMS and we are getting ready to add Computer Programming at WMS. As for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade STEM pilot at LCE, we are going to partner those LCE teachers up with teachers from CEL to add in components at CEL. We are trying to find a way of not aligning STEM completely inside of science, due to the concern with STEM education becoming all about science.

IB Career-Related Program

The Executive Leadership team reviewed the IB Career-Related Program proposal and decided that they would like to vet it over before it is brought to CIC. We currently offer the Diploma Program at the high school for IB. The Career-Related Program would be for students who are not looking for the IB Diploma, but still want the IB experience. Feel free to look over the proposal that was sent out. The principals and Executive Leadership Team will review and bring to CIC as appropriate.