

## Curriculum Instruction Council

### MINUTES

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

*Nancy Haas 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:** Brian Abbott, Eston Asher, Jen Bonner, Michelle Braat, Rockelle Branhan, Nick Bryant, Lisa Buchinger Aldrich, Ann Chapleau, Merrie Conner, Christy DeHaan, Andy DeVisser, John Dunlop, Jeff Dykhouse, Rennee Flynn, Dale Freeland, Amanda Goyings, Amy Gray, Nancy Haas, Bonnie Herbert, Mike Huber, Larry Killips, Peggy Link, Jan Lynch, Holly Marusek, Lynn Montgomery, Ryan O'Neill, Beth Oudekerk, Wendy Pennell, Karen Prater, Mary Roobol, Shelley Rowson, Sharri Sackett, Tama Salisbury, Chuck Schira, Anne Schnurstein, Kelly Schultz, Rick Searing, Lisa Stucky, Jerry Swoboda, Mahsa Teachman, Gail Van Daff, Molly Vandekoppel, Rhonda VanderVeen, Thea Vaughn, Rosa Vergel, Dan Vomastek, Sara Wagenaar, Stephanie Wagner, Jeanna Walker, Joanne Willson, Jessica Winstanley, Helen Wynkoop

**Members Absent:** Rachel Bryant, Amy DiMaggio, Kathy Elrod, Jim French, Christy Gaines, Kathy Hurley, Christy Klien, Jim Leander, Nancy Martin, Effie McCarren, Amy Meyer, Paul Murray, Pete Schermerhorn, Lindsay Wagner

#### **Welcome and Introductions:**

New staff members to CIC:

- Amanda Goyings 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Team Leader
- Bonnie Herbert HS English Co-Team Leader
- Jeff Dykhouse Middle School Social Studies Team Leader
- Anne Schnurstein FACS/Health Team Leader
- Merrie Conner Gifted and Talented Team Leader

New student representative:

- Eston Asher Northern High School

New Parent Representatives:

- Rosa Vergel CEL
- Nick Bryant LCE

#### **Review of Bylaws, Membership Responsibilities, Group Norms and Robert's Rules**

Nancy Haas, Director of Curriculum and CIC Facilitator, reviewed the CIC Bylaws, Group Norms, Robert's Rules and member responsibilities with the Committee.

#### **Action Items:**

##### **May 14, 2014 Minutes**

Lynn Montgomery moved to approve the May 14, 2014 minutes as written. Stephanie Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

##### **Software for IB Sports, Health and Exercise Science Class Proposal**

Deferred action at this time and will revisit in the future if needed.

### **Japanese World Languages Proposal**

Carolyn Naylor summarized the proposal. PCHS currently only offers two language options. Carolyn is a certified Japanese teacher and would like to offer Japanese 1 at PCHS.

Renee Flynn motioned to approve the proposal.

Chuck Schira/Christy DeHaan seconded.

A hand vote was taken and the motion was denied. (19 members were in favor, 24 members were opposed)

### **Informational Items:**

#### **Skyward Update**

Dan Vomastek updated the committee on Skyward, the new student information system. We are fully online with the parent portal for grades and attendance for grades 6-12. Starting Monday we will be adding the parent portal email alerts. The online parent directory will also be available on Monday. Parents will be greeted with a message regarding the grade alerts when they log on. At this time, the portal is not available for elementary student grades.

#### **Standards Based Grading Handout**

Nancy reviewed the handout that was distributed to committee members. Standards based grading is different than what we were doing. More communications will be sent out to parents to help with the transition to standards based grading.

#### **Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC)**

Larry Killips shared some of the changes with this curriculum with the committee. When MMC was first originated it served to increase the rigor for state graduation requirements. The recent changes to the MMC are actually backing-off, or relaxing some of the requirements. We will be processing the changes that came through from the State and will be meeting with counselors to make sure we have clarity about the impact of these changes. We do not have to make a change to the graduation requirements at this time.

#### **Early Middle College (E/MC)**

Larry briefed the committee on Early Middle College. According to the State of Michigan, *Early/Middle College (E/MC) High School means a public high school designed to allow a pupil to earn a high school diploma while also earning an associate's degree, an E/MC technical certificate, or 60 transferable credits. An Early/Middle College is a five-year high school program and is designated by a code in the Educational Entity Master in the Michigan Student Data System.* Jim Murphy, who is leading this initiative from KRESA, will be joining us next month to discuss more details about this program.

#### **World Languages Update**

Lisa Buchinger Aldrich informed the committee on a slight change that has been made with the world languages department. The last three years, world language students have been given a proficiency test in the spring. They decided to forgo the proficiency test from this point forward and instead use our common district assessments. Students are already being tested throughout the school year. The world language department anticipates reducing stress and being able to deliver more curriculum with this change.

#### **HS Big Ideas Math Field Test**

Jerry Swoboda briefed the committee on the math field test the high school is about to undertake. Big Ideas (the program we adopted for middle school math) came out with a high school curriculum for Algebra 1, Algebra 2 and Geometry which is what they are field testing. In the spring, teachers, parents and students will be surveyed to see how it was received.

### **MS ELA Cost Savings**

Our middle school ELA teachers are currently piloting the HMD literature series. Nancy explained to the committee that Houghton-Mifflin came to us a few weeks ago and offered us a \$44,000 cost savings if we could commit to purchasing the books by Oct. 1, 2014. When we surveyed the CIC committee members, everyone voted “Yes” to approve the purchase. We also surveyed the middle school ELA teachers and that came back as a 4 to 1 approval. Although we did receive the support needed to bring it to the Board, we decided sometimes process has to trump price and felt the process needed to go forward. In January there will be surveys for the teachers, parents and students to complete. The middle school team will look at the results and will make a proposal in March with voting to occur in April.

### **Elementary Math District Improvement Goal**

Nancy briefed the committee on our new math curriculum for elementary. Last spring, we asked teachers to look at materials that were more aligned with the Common Core State Standards. With Title II money, we signed a contract with Matt Mayer, K-12 Math Specialist for KRESA. In the grant that we wrote he will be doing PD with our elementary teachers. In order to make it successful, everyone had to be using the same materials. We decided to go with Engage NY/Eureka math. We were able to use some of our Title II money to purchase the teacher materials for this curriculum. Student materials are being printed through FedEx/Kinkos.

### **Proposals:**

#### **IB Physics Book Proposal**

Chuck Schira and Kat Myers briefed the committee on the new IB Physics book they would like to purchase. With the revision of the IB physics curriculum, there is a need for a new physics text. They decided on *IB Physics Print and Online Course Book Pack: 2014 edition* by Michael Bowen-Jones and David Homer. Voting on the IB Physics book proposal will take place at the next CIC meeting, Oct. 15, 2014.

### **Follow Up:**

Below is the link to the work that has been done to correlate IB to the Common Core.  
<http://www.ibo.org/iba/commoncore/>