

Curriculum Instruction Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, November 19, 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, Jennifer Bonner, Michelle Braat, Ann Chapleau, Merrie Conner, Christy DeHaan, Any DeVisser, John Dunlop, Jeff Dykhouse, Diane Falahee, Rennee Flynn, Dale Freeland, Jim French, Amanda Goyings, Nancy Haas, Jason Jarrett, Christy Klien, Nancy Martin, Holly Marusek, Effie McCarren, Ryan O’Neill, Beth Oudekerk, Shelley Rowlson, Chuck Schira, Anne Schnurstein, Kelly Schultz, Rick Searing, Mahsa Teachman, Gail Van Daff, Molly Vandekoppel, Rhonda VanderVeen, Rosa Vergel, Dan Vomastek, Stephanie Wagner, Lindsay Wagner, Joanne Willson, Jessica Winstanley, Helen Wynkoop

Members Absent: Rockelle Branhan, Rachel Bryant, Nick Bryant, Liza Buchinger Aldrich, Amy DiMaggio, Kathy Elrod, Christy Gaines, Amy Gray, Bonnie Herbert, Mike Huber, Kathy Hurley, Larry Killips, Jim Leander, Xiaolan Li, Peggy Link, Jan Lynch, Terri McDonald, Amy Meyer, Kim Moberg, Paul Murray, Wendy Pennell, Karen Prater, Mary Roobol, Sharri Sackett, Tama Salisbury, Pete Schermerhorn, Lisa Stucky, Jerry Swoboda, Thea Vaughn, Sara Wagenaar, Jeanna Walker

Welcome and Introductions:

New Parent Representatives:

- Jason Jarrett - HAV

Action Items:

October 15, 2014 Minutes

Stephanie Wagner moved to approve the minutes as written.
Lynn Montgomery seconded. Motion carried.

Catch Up Math Proposal

Rick Searing motioned to approve the proposal.
Jessica Winstanley seconded. Motion Carried.

Informational Items:

Printed Report Cards and Progress Reports

Dan Vomastek shared with the committee that last year PPS printed 13.5 million copies. As we are always looking for ways to reduce printing/copying, our goal is to stop printing report cards or progress reports in the future. Instead, parents would pull the information off the Skyward portal. A main concern would be families that do not have access to the internet at their home. For these families, a paper copy can be printed or a PDF of the report card can be published to a mobile device. Parents, please talk to your PTOs about this and email Kelly Milliman any thoughts and/or responses. Teachers, please talk to your teams and report back any concerns they may have.

Spring 2015 State Assessments

Marty Witt briefed the committee that the M-Step (Michigan Student Test of Educational Progress) will be replacing the MEAP test in the spring of 2015. Please see the link below for more information regarding this test. Please note, we will be opting out of the 11th grade performance task and classroom activity. 11th graders will only be taking the computer adaptive test, along with the MME and WorkKeys. The M-Step can be done on a chromebook; however, we will need to work with the technology department in getting mice and headphones for the testing.

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Assessment_Transition_FINAL_11-13-14_473989_7.pdf

Middle School World Language Update

Nancy Haas briefed the committee that changes in the Michigan Merit Curriculum (MMC) now allow students in grades K-12 who successfully complete two “grade-appropriate” world language classes, to meet the MMC World Language requirement. For students who graduate in 2015-2020, a student may fulfill one year of the world language requirement by completing a career and technical education or visual/performing arts class during their 9-12 (high school) experience. Students will earn one year toward the MMC graduation requirement for successfully completing 7th grade and one year for successfully completing an 8th grade world language class. The middle school world language grades earned would not be part of the high school GPA and would not count toward the required 26 graduation credits. Forty percent of current 10th, 11th and 12th graders are taking a Level III or above world language.

Proposals:

IB Chemistry Textbook Proposal

Dale Freeland and Jon Taylor shared with the committee their proposal for a new IB Chemistry textbook. Every 5 years, a new IB curriculum is released. Currently, we do not have a textbook that matches the curriculum and our students are at a disadvantage without these supporting resources. The text that they would like to purchase is Chemistry HL 2nd Edition with Interactive E-book from Pearson Education, LTD. This book is available to be read aloud online. A hard cover book would be preferred, however, it only comes in a soft cover.

Adoption of the PLTW Intro to Computer Science (ICS) Proposal

Malena Schrauben briefed the committee on the PLTW (Project Lead the Way) proposal. The 7th grade computer science class at CMS would like to implement the PLTW. Current curriculum guidelines call for outdated practices. The PLTW curriculum will introduce basic programming skills and computational thinking strategies.

Parenting Class Name Change Proposal

Anne Schnurstein briefed the committee on the proposal to change the course name “Parenting” to “Child Development and Parenting.” The course curriculum includes a variety of lessons and activities based on the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of a child. The FACS team feels this should be reflected in the course title. The curriculum will not be changing.

Family Sociology Name Change Proposal

Anne Schnurstein also briefed the committee on the proposal to change the course name “Family Sociology” to “Living in Today’s World.” The FACS team feels that “Living in Today’s World” more accurately represents what is covered throughout the year in this course. Although relationships at all stages of life are examined, the focus goes beyond family dynamics. There is an emphasis on what to expect when you graduate and the types of decisions that need to be made when moving to the next chapter in a young adult’s life. The curriculum will not be changing.