

## Curriculum Instruction Council

### MINUTES

Wednesday, February 25, 2015

*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, Easton Asher, Jennifer Bonner, Michelle Braat, Rockelle Branhan, Lisa Buchinger Aldrich, Ann Chapleau, Andy DeVisser, Amy DiMaggio, Jeff Dykhouse, Donna Emerson, Diane Falahee, Rennee Flynn, Dale Freeland, Jim French, Nancy Haas, Bonnie Herbert, Kathy Hurley, Larry Killips, Jan Lynch, Nancy Martin, Holly Marusek Effie McCarren, Paul Murray, Terri Novaria (representing Joanne Willson), Ryan O'Neill, Beth Oudekerk, Wendy Pennell, Karen Prater, Mary Roobol, Tama Salisbury, Pete Schermerhorn, Chuck Schira, Anne Schnurstein, Kelly Schultz, Rick Searing, Lisa Stucky, Jerry Swoboda, Mahsa Teachman, Gail Van Daff, Rhonda VanderVeen, Thea Vaughn, Rosa Vergal, Sara Wagenaar, Stephanie Wagner, Lindsay Wagner, Jeanna Walker, Helen Wynkoop

**Members Absent:** Rachel Bryant, Nick Bryant, Merrie Conner, Christy DeHaan, John Dunlop, Kathy Elrod, Amanda Goyings, Amy Gray, Mike Huber, Jason Jarrett, Christy Klien, Jim Leander, Xiaolan Li, Peggy Link, Terry McDonald, Amy Meyer, Shelley Rowson, Sharri Sackett, Molly Vandekoppel, Dan Vomastek, Joanne Willson, Jessica Winstanley

### **Action Items:**

#### **January 21, 2015 Minutes**

Jerry Swoboda moved to approve the minutes as written.  
Tama Salisbury seconded. Motion carried.

### **Informational Items:**

#### **Early Middle College (EMC)**

Larry Killips briefed the committee that we are moving purposefully slow on this issue. He is still working very closely with the high school principals and Jim Murphy from KRESA. There are a lot of logistics that need to be sorted out. We need to get more answers before EMC is rolled out.

#### **School Rankings**

Larry Killips explained to the committee that organizations (such as US News, Newsweek, Niche) come out with school rankings. The variables used in these rankings change. One organization might have 3 variables while another might have 28. As we become aware of these organizations, we do a review as to how these rankings are determined. Our main focus is on MTSS and working with staff on individual needs for our students.

Below is the link for Niche:

[https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-overall/s/michigan/?utm\\_medium=social&utm\\_source=facebook&utm\\_campaign=RankingsList&utm\\_term=RLP](https://k12.niche.com/rankings/public-school-districts/best-overall/s/michigan/?utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_campaign=RankingsList&utm_term=RLP)

### **Elementary Special Schedules & Secondary Master Schedules**

Larry Killips informed CIC that during bargaining a few issues came up regarding restructuring the elementary specials schedule and the secondary master schedule. Committees were formed to discuss these items. Information will be reported at the March CIC meeting

### **MYP**

Nancy shared with the committee that we were looking into the feasibility and interest of the Middle Years Program at the high school. It seems the interest is there, but the funding is not. We are currently in a pause on this right now.

### **District Systems Review Report Summary**

Nancy went over results from processing done at the January CIC meeting.

### **M-STEP Assessment System**

M-STEP training for the CIC parent reps will take place after the March CIC meeting.

Below are links to the M-Step preview and other useful resources:

M-Step home page:

[http://www.mi.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_70117---,00.html](http://www.mi.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_70117---,00.html)

M-Step preview:

<https://wbte.drctdirect.com/MI/portals/mi/ott1>

TRIG resources for educators and students:

<http://aware.22itrig.org>

Spotlight documents:

[http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709\\_31168-280911--,00.html](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,4615,7-140-22709_31168-280911--,00.html)

Student Supports and Accommodations table:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/M-STEP\\_Supports\\_and\\_Accommodations\\_Table\\_477120\\_7.pdf?20141218161556](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/M-STEP_Supports_and_Accommodations_Table_477120_7.pdf?20141218161556)

### **Proposals:**

#### **Middle School ELA Proposal**

Karen Prater briefed the committee on the Middle School ELA proposal to purchase the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt reading program, Holt McDougal Literature, for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. ELA teachers need a concise and common set of materials that address reading, writing, grammar and speaking. This program makes the connection between the elementary and high school.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.**