

Vision: *An exceptional, continuously improving learning culture, committed to all!*

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

Curriculum Instruction Council

MINUTES

Wednesday, April 15, 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, Jen Bonner, Rockelle Branhan, Ann Chapleau, Merrie Conner, Christy DeHaan, Andy DeVisser, Amy DiMaggio, Jeff Dykhouse, Donna Emerson, Dale Freeland, Amanda Goyings, Nancy Haas, Bonnie Herbert, Mike Huber, Kathy Hurley, Jason Jarrett, Christy Klien, Larry Killips, Jan Lynch, Terri McDonald, Paul Murray, Ryan O'Neill, Beth Oudekerk, Mary Roobol, Tama Salisbury, Anne Schnurstein, Kelly Schultz, Rick Searing, Lisa Stucky, Gail Van Daff, Rhonda VanderVeen, Rosa Vergel, Sara Wagenaar, Stephanie Wagner, Lindsay Wagner, Jeanna Walker, Helen Wynkoop,

Members Absent: Eston Asher, Michelle Braat, Rachel Bryant, Nick Bryant, Lisa Buchinger Aldrich, John Dunlop, Kathy Elrod, Diane Falahee, Rennee Flynn, Jim French, Christy Gaines, Amy Gray, Jim Leander, Xiaoan Li, Peggy Link, Nancy Martin, Holly Marusek, Effie McCarren, Amy Meyer, Wendy Pennell, Karen Prater, Shelley Rowson, Sharri Sackett, Pete Schermerhorn, Chuck Schira, Jerry Swoboda, Mahsa Teachman, Molly Vandekoppel, Thea Vaughn, Dan Vomastek, Joanne Willson, Jessica Winstanley

Action Items:

March 18, 2015 Minutes

Jen Bonner moved to approve the minutes as written.

Stephanie Wagner seconded. Motion carried.

Informational Items:

Project Lead the Way/Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (PLTW/STEM) Pilot Report

Larry Killips, Travis Thomsen, Denny Roehm and Chuck Haskin updated the committee on the PLTW/STEM pilot that is taking place this school year. In March 2014, a proposal was brought to CIC to implement one unit of study from the PLTW/STEM program into our current 6th grade Technology Education Course. This began in the 14-15 school year. The pilot included the training of three teachers and all associated course curriculum and materials. The purpose of pursuing this pilot is to explore PLTW/STEM curricular activities as a means to enhance the rigor of student experiences with Applied Sciences, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. So far the implementation has been going very well. However, there are some concerns about how this whole program would get rolled out. The recommendation is to continue the pilot for a second year (which does not require a CIC vote).

Early Middle College (EMC) Update

Larry Killips briefed the committee that we are still vetting the entire EMC program and finding out how it can move forward. We are getting great support from KRESA and hope to have it fully vetted by the beginning of second semester next year so it can be added to the Program of Studies for the 2016/2017 school year.

M-STEP

Marty Witt updated the committee on how M-STEP testing is going so far. We started testing this week and it is going very well. The online testing started on Tuesday with just a few minor glitches.

Volunteer Appreciation Month

Nancy thanked the parents and community members for their service to Portage Public Schools.

Meeting adjourned at 4:47