

**Board Instructional Meeting
November 12, 2009**

MINUTES

Present were: Dave Fry, Doug West, Tom Krout, Jim O'Connor, Bryn Krapf, Michele Becker, Darlene Klenk, Debby Herring, Cindy Zepp, Eric Hartman, Sara Myers, Lisa Fry, Bryan Beichler, Eric Lehman, Pam Smith, Wesley Doll, and Lois Dubbs

Wesley Doll presented a draft of the updated curriculum cycle for everyone to review and give suggestions for updates.

Two groups were formed to discuss key issues using a graphic organizer. The issues and responses were:

Curriculum Cycle

- Consistency
- Gives a nice flow
- Keeps us on track with curriculum
- Gives starting point

LFS- K-12

- All middle school staff are trained and starting to implement
- A plan for all elementary staff to be trained this year in December and January
- High School in process of being trained the end of November and beginning of December (Social Studies teachers already completed)
- Have trainers in district
- LFS is tied to curriculum cycle
- Will learn things: instructional strategies (things we are already doing)
- Will teach/model higher order thinking skills
- HOTS
- Extended thinking skills

Math – K-12

- Elementary to Grade 5 starting Everyday Math and Rocket Math
- Grade 5 - piloting Everyday Math
- Grades 6-8 – piloting College Prep Math
- Kindergarten is implementing Everyday Math
- Everyone has been trained
- Some teachers are pulling materials, games and algorithms to math lessons
- High School – CPM/Traditional –
 - Need continuity
 - Tracks need to be aligned with math and sciences

ELL Handbook

- Nobody knows what we have
- On Public drive in ESL folder
- Wiki on web page
- Also has accommodations
- Let staff know about information
- Outlines, regulations for ESL students
- Explains different levels

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- Need policy for grading ESL kids
- Concerns about ability levels at High School
- Looking for another teacher
- We LOVE Miss Mary!!!

Emergency Plan & Flip Chart

- Current Plans are in a red folder
- Plan is part of the teacher manual
- Elementary received them today
- Chart to hang by door
- Binder in desk to keep away from students
- Everyone in District has one: consistency!
- Great for substitutes
- Jeff Joy is the emergency contact person
- Each building is asked to do a variety of practice drills in the year

PSSA Analysis

- High School has issue with science because there is a gap with earth and space science and physical science
- They felt they need a ½ time science teacher
- Elementary is analyzing all the time
- Middle School has been working on school improvement
- Performance tracker – where they practice PSSA's
- Data needs to be put in program
- Middle School collaboration helps to analyze data and then work with class
- Completing practice PSSAs – Middle School “shuts down” and performs PSSA test

On-Line Learning

- High School currently has Study Island and Plato
- HOPE program
- How high do we want to go?
- Distance Learning (could be a contract issue)
- There are a lot of options out there now
- Can we offer on-line classes to our kids?
- Can we get charter students to attend our school by offering them an on-line learning experience?
- Can AP classes be offered to our students? (not enough staff members)
- Alternative to Charter Schools

Technology Integration

- CFF equipment was purchased with grants
- Videos, projects, moodle activities
- Sharing with each other – most beneficial part of CFF
- Mobile labs getting a lot of use at Middle School; very beneficial
- Elementary teachers want laptops
- Laptops are on a cycle
- Moodle at Middle School and High School

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The next meeting dates will be: Wednesday, January 13; Wednesday, March 10; and Wednesday, August 18.

One set of minutes will be distributed.

If you have any suggestions for the next meeting, please contact Dave Fry. One of the suggestions for future Items to be discussed was Professional Development.