

Curriculum and Instruction
Notes
Jan 16, 2008

Present: Mary Hartnett, Barbara Garrity, Ray Tai and Karen Strickland
Mary Beth Currie, Art Howard and Eric Swenson

I. Items for discussion

1. Teaming at Satz School. Art Howard gave a short presentation on the results of a survey about teaming—he calls them “Small Learning Communities.” He will give the presentation to the whole Board at the first meeting in February. Generally he has been happy with the results of the pilot and would like to continue the 8th grade pilot next year extending to the 7th grade with some modifications to the schedule.
2. Results of Valedictorian/Salutatorian investigations: Mr. Swenson interviewed his colleagues at similar DFG schools and discovered they just ran straight GPA calculations for the Bloustein scholar program. They did not exclude any courses from the calculation.
3. The G&T committee will meet the next day and will present to the whole Board at the second meeting in February. They generally are advocating for a G&T coordinator/literacy coach and clustering. The committee is attending a workshop on best practices based on research for the G&T program. Parents of potential G&T students were informed of the existence of the workshop.
4. Mrs. Currie is continuing her examination of the World language program and is focusing first on Satz. Currently some 7th graders who have a double period of English do not have time in the schedule for a world language. This double period issue needs to be addressed. She is exploring grant opportunities with the world language teachers.
5. Tech Infusion: The professional development day in February will address ways to infuse technological uses into the curriculum. FYI: Keyboarding will be offered during Summer Enrichment and if enrollment is sufficient, Mr. Braun intends to offer another Technology Camp during Prime Time in the spring.
6. Kindergarten registration: It was brought up that kindergarten registration is often a person’s first encounter with the school district and thus should be analyzed with the intent to give parents necessary information in a welcoming manner.
7. FYI: Discussion of Online courses: Juniors and seniors at Hi Tech High are required to take online courses at Stanford University. For students who have exhausted our course offerings, this may be an option for them.

II. Items for Approval

1. Donations: for High School:

- television with remote
- podium with microphone
- spectrum tubes for science labs

2. Materials

Film Study list of DVDs to be used in course

3. Curriculum Guide- Pre-Calculus

Next meeting: February 20 5:30, central office