

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, October 21, 2009, 6:00 PM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Mary Hartnett, Ana Vander Woude, Michael Collins
Administrators - Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan

Gifted and Talented Program

The Committee briefly was updated again on the Gifted and Talented Program. The program underwent a self assessment according to the national standards to ensure that the program is addressing curriculum and acceleration appropriately. The program met or exceeded every standard in program design.

Personal Laptops in the Classroom

Team 5 at Satz is permitting students to bring their laptops, netbooks and tablet PCs from home, during class instead of paper and pens for Science, Social Studies, and Language Arts. In order to participate, students must conform to district expectations for computer use and parents must sign a consent form. Approximately 30 students have begun to use their personal computers in school. The effectiveness of this will be assessed throughout the year.

Grade Computation

The Committee reviewed grade computation and will continue discussion at our next meeting.

Art Honors

The Committee discussed the creation of an Art Honors course for next year. This course will assist the district in meeting the state's requirements for Fine and Performing Arts. Also, as a side note, the high school's kiln broke and a new one has been ordered. The kiln is integral to our art program.

Items for Approval

Course Approval - The following courses will be on the October 28th BOE agenda:

Financial Literacy and Economics – This course will be introduced in the 2010-2011 and will be mandated for freshman in 2011-2012. It will provide students with a general understanding of how to manage their personal finances as well as economic systems.

Introduction to Music Theory – In another course offered in 2010-2011, students will be offered music theory as well as composition and performance opportunities.

Also approved for the October 28th agenda were generous donations of two printers from the Kostic family.

Next Meeting: 6:00pm, November 11, 2009, Central Office conference room.