

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, August 19, 2009, 6:00 PM

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

Curriculum Guide Revisions:

The QSAC C&I area self-assessment was conducted on 8/13. Everything is in order except curriculum updates, which we had been making tremendous effort in the past couple years and the task is still on going. We learned that we don't get partial score for "mostly compliant". It was suggested to quickly bring them up-to-date by borrowing from other districts or downloading online. We decided not to take that approach since it will bring the curriculum even more out of sync with our instruction. Instead, the curriculums which are waiting in the pipeline will be quickly reviewed and revised to meet the 2004 Core Curriculum Content Standards. A complete revision based on the new curriculum approach and 2009 core standards will continue and be completed by 2012.

Bilingual/ESL Three-Year Program Plan 2008-2011:

Our plan has been existing. It was updated properly, being executed, but was never approved by the board. We actually don't have bilingual program; we have 22 ESL students, and they have all met the assessment standard last year. The committee has reviewed the plan and recommends the approval at the next board meeting.

Items for Approval:

8 Curriculum Guides have been reviewed and approved, see C&I agenda for more details. These are true revisions. The quick fix mentioned above will be done later but prior to 10/19 QSAC review; these revisions will be noted as "revised for QSAC" so we know more work is pending.

There are also generous donations from HHS PTSO (see C&I Agenda for details)

Items for Information:

Preliminary NJASK test scores are just received, and we have incorporated it for placement calculation. As a result, we'll add two more 7th grade Honors English classes.

Next Meeting: 6:00 pm, 9/23/2009, Central Office Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai