

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
OCTOBER 6, 2014
6:00 p.m., ROOM 19

ATTENDANCE:

Kim Watson
Andrea Ackerman
Beth Gianacoplos
Rita Volkmann

REPORTING:

Karen Bryer
Susan Austin

The minutes of May 5, 2014 were reviewed: A motion was made by Beth Gianacoplos and seconded by Kim Watson to accept the minutes of May 5, 2014. **Approved 2 to 0 and one abstained (Ackerman).**

NWEA MAP workshop:

Karen Bryer shared information on the MAP workshop held on Sept. 30 for district Staffon Instructional Ladders and Student Goal Setting using MAP scores. Discussion of student testing, process, impact on instructional time and use of data was held. Next steps for MAP would be further administrator training and school action plans for full use of MAP data.

April follow-up will include reports from schools as to how MAP data was utilized to inform instruction.

Personalized Learning:

Susan Austin reported on conference she attended in which Tom Rooney, Dr. Virgil Hammonds presented on personalized learning. Critical thinking, problem solving, mastery learning and restructuring schools to create opportunities for personalized learning were topics shared.

Referral: R2014-4

FHS Online Courses:

Report of what existing “online courses” are available to FHS students & what other area high schools are offering in terms of online courses: Susan shared what information she had received from high school administration.

Advanced Virtual High School:

Courses that are offered at the high school for grades 11, 12 students: AP computer science and other courses not offered at Fitch are made available through VHS.

Additionally Virtual Academy:

Credit recovery: Take an online course with teacher to support learning; 39 students currently in Virtual Academy; 8 sessions with teacher in session to help.

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Board members suggested high school administration including new guidance director attend the November meeting.

Reviewed referral list:
Eliminated R2013-10.

Placed on the agenda for November meeting: R2014-4; R2014-6; R2014-7.

Added referrals:

- April update on how MAP test results are being used to inform;
- What is the plan to address the Science scores in 5th, 8th and 10th: action plan in response to CMT Science Scores.
- Report on Elementary reading curriculum and materials being used at each school

Curriculum News:

- Sending district reps to CT Reading Conference and CT ATOMIC Conference both in Cromwell, CT; reps will be asked to share back what they have learned with the district in a variety of format

Next meeting: November 3, 2014

A motion was made by Beth Gianacoplos and seconded by Andrea Ackerman to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. **Passed unanimously.**