



2021-2022

Curriculum Council

All meetings will be held in the ECS Board Room.

Presentation:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1IeTdt4sduvbdDIMqCOEhryNoAzz_TztyottzVbRjwmTyM/edit?usp=sharing

Meeting Minutes: November 3, 2021

Members Present: T. Zaccardo, L. Shaw, AM. Crye, K. Finter, D.Knapp, K. McLaughlin, K. Williamson, D. DiSabato, A. Magin, A. Ricci, MA. Buckley, C. Prescott, D. Denner, C. Saar, J. Birkemeier, T. Pero

Meeting Minutes	
<p>Warm Welcome a. Approval of October Minutes b. Welcome</p>	<p>October Minutes were approved: Motioned by L. Shaw, Second by D. DiSabato</p> <p>As a Warm Welcome, Members were asked to select an image from those posted that best describes how they feel about curriculum. Members indicated that they are excited to bring structure to curriculum, and to provide a strong foundation for learning to the VCS Community.</p>
<p>Engaging Learning Activities/Council Business Defining Curriculum in VCS</p> <p>Building a Common Definition and Understanding of Curriculum</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Article ● Vocabulary sort <p>Feedback on Process Development Timeline</p>	<p>Groups of 3 -4 worked together to sort a variety of potential components into “essential” and “non-essential” groups. Groups discussed the components (textbooks, Enduring Ideas, Standards, Common Assessments, Pacing Guides, etc...) and then a brief chapter excerpt from “<i>Rigorous Curriculum Design</i>” by Larry Ainsworth. Groups identified that the “essential components are really meant to help all by laying out the WHAT, WHERE, WHEN, WHY and that individual teachers, with guidance, develop the HOW, considering the needs of their students in front of them.”</p> <p>The proposed timeline for the VCS Curriculum Development Process was shared with the group, and feedback was solicited:</p> <p>December: Curriculum Council to review proposed curriculum development process and provide feedback January: KW & KF to train principals & building leaders in curriculum development process March: Curriculum Council to provide feedback on prioritized curriculum needs April/May: KW & KF to train all staff (aligned to summer writing schedule) in the NEW curriculum development process</p> <p>Members shared that they were looking forward to immersing in the process at the next meeting, and that building leaders were also receiving the training so that they can add a layer of support. Members shared that when the curriculum foundation is established, the negative impact of transitions and disruptions caused by misalignment will be greatly diminished.</p>
<p>Optimistic Closure: Round Table</p>	<p>No new items were brought by the Council Members.</p> <p>Next Meeting: December 14, 2021</p>

