

Waunakee Community School District
BOE-Curriculum Committee

Meeting Agenda

Date: March 23, 2011

Time: 3:30 P.M.

Teaching & Learning Center-101 School Dr.

BOE Members: Tryg Knutson, Peggy Hill-Breunig, and Gary Epping

1. Call to order-*Chair Tryg Knutson called the meeting to order at 3:32pm.*
2. Public input on agenda items-*None.*
3. Music Department Update-*Kathy Bartling provided an update on progress in the music program. The discussion touched on several topics. The progression of students through music offerings in grades 6-7-8 was reviewed. At these grades, and at the high school, the growth in orchestra participation may push current space and staffing levels in the future. Scheduling for music is more challenging at the Middle School due to the structure of the schedule. Kathy noted that band is the only 6th grade activity currently open to St. John's students at the Intermediate School. At the high school level, the alternation of the new Jazz Improvisation course and Music Tech was noted, as was the growth of choral and orchestra, and the success of pep band. Other positive news included the level of coordination between buildings and the recent Band-o-rama.*
4. 7-12 Spanish Sequence Preliminary Recommendation-*Marcy Peters-Felice presented preliminary recommendations on Middle School Spanish course sequences. For 2011-2012, the recommendation is to offer both Continuing and Novice Spanish at 7th grade, which are every other day classes. A Middle School committee will be formed to develop a recommendation with the goal of having Continuing Spanish 8 be an every day class without negatively impacting other Middle School electives. The committee will report sometime in the November-December 2011 time frame. There will be periodic updates to the Curriculum Committee prior to the report. For 2011-2012, there are 139 students in Continuing Spanish 7 and 60 students in Novice Spanish 7.*
5. Textbook Adoption-*Tim Schell reviewed this year's textbook adoption recommendations from teaching staff. Adopting these materials makes them approved for use. Purchasing decisions will wait on the budget*

process. Peggy Hill-Breunig moved and Gary Epping seconded to recommend adoption of the listed materials. Passed 3-0.

- 6. Aligned by Design-Tim Schell provided information on where staff are incorporating elements of Aligned by Design. Teachers who have attended Aligned by Design workshops have incorporated skill-based activities into their lessons. We are also looking closely at using Aligned by Design principles in our secondary level at-risk programs. The adoption of the Common Core state standards serves some of the same purposes as Aligned by Design.*
- 7. 4K Update-Amy Johnson provided an update on 4K implementation. The Collaborative Council has adopted Creative Curriculum as a consistent standard across locations.*
- 8. Online Learning Update-Tim Schell provided an update on the online learning study process. The study committee will be formed in April. Tim will attend an online learning conference on April 4.*
- 9. Agenda Items for April 27*
- 10. Adjournment-Peggy Hill-Breunig moved and Gary Epping seconded to adjourn. Passed 3-0 at 5:16pm.*

cc. Amy Johnson, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Marcy Peters-Felice, Dean Kaminski, Randy Guttenberg, BOE.