

Waunakee Community School District
BOE-Curriculum Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: September 22, 2010

Teaching & Learning Center-101 School Dr.

BOE Members: Tryg Knutson, Peggy Hill-Breunig, and Eric Esser

1. Call to order by Chair Tryg Knutson at 3:33pm.
2. Public input on agenda items-none
3. World Language
 - a. Elementary and middle level update-Tim Schell shared with the committee that the World Language department would provide an update in October on their assessment work as well as how the 7-12 Spanish sequence might change now that elementary world language has been implemented up to the sixth grade. Questions from the committee to be covered in October included how are move-in students adjusting to elementary world language and is the elementary program implementation where we hoped it would be at this time.
 - b. Chinese-Tim Schell shared with the committee that we are actively exploring beginning Mandarin Chinese at the High School in 2011-2012. The world language department has been studying the question of a third world language. Most high schools our size offer three world languages. In 2008, 24 out of 29 Wisconsin high schools with an enrollment of 1,200 or higher offered three or more world languages. The consensus in the department is that a third offering should be Chinese. Middleton-Cross Plains is planning to start Chinese in 2011-2012 and this is an opportunity for our districts to collaborate in curriculum development and share an instructor in the start-up year so we can offer a full-time contract and attract a highly qualified instructor. More detailed information will be presented in October.
4. 4K Update and planning for 9/29 meeting-Amy Johnson updated the committee on the progress of 4K planning and the work of the Collaborative Council. The committee offered suggestions on what items should be included in the September 29 presentation. These included

more information on the fiscal impact, transportation, the Collaborative Council, and the survey results.

5. **Program Evaluation-Social Studies-Carol Brey, Corina Rogers, and John Laubmeier updated the committee on the status of the Social Studies program evaluation. They reviewed the self-study and its key questions, including creating a full year World History course at the 9th grade level, shifting US History to 10th grade, and adding elective offerings. The self-study document and course offering in other area districts are attached. We will be working to schedule the on-site audit in November and need guidance from the Board on whether the entire Board should meet with the audit team or the Curriculum Committee. Both options have been used in the past. Knowing this will aid in scheduling the on-site audit.**
6. **Updated Testing and Assessment Report (including ACT and AP results)-attached.**
7. **2010 Senior Exit Survey-Tim Schell reviewed the results of the 2010 Senior Exit Survey (attached). Compared with the 2008 and 2007 surveys (no survey was done in 2009), most items showed a favorable increase and none declined. In the discussion that followed, the committee suggested that focus group interviews be conducted with seniors and that we also look at conducting exit surveys or focus groups for parents as well.**
8. **2010-2011 C&I presentations to the Board of Education-attached.**

**Motion by Eric Esser, seconded by Peggy Hill-Breunig to adjourn. Passed 3-0.
The Board of Education Curriculum Committee meeting adjourned at 4:56pm.**

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