

Waunakee Community School District
Board of Education Curriculum Committee
Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, March 2, 2010

Committee members: Peggy Hill-Breunig, Eric Esser, Julie Waner

Others present: Randy Guttenberg, Tim Schell, Brian Kersten, Lisa Carothers, Barb Fassbender, Kathy Bartling, and Mike Hensgen

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM by Chair Peggy Hill-Breunig. Agenda approved 2-0.

II. Public Input on Agenda Items

None

III. E-Transcripts

Tim Schell, Brian Kersten, and Barb Fassbender explained the new way for students to send transcripts to colleges and universities. The system we are looking at is called Docufide. All state universities, public and private, and many Midwest schools use the system. A minimal fee of \$2.55 (approx) will be charged to the student for each transcript submitted to each institution. Cost to graduates is a little higher. Positives include less paperwork by guidance and it instantly sends the transcript to institutions of higher education. IHE, which does not subscribe to Docufide will be sent the traditional paper method. It was suggested that Steve Summers add this item to the high school student fee list and administration should investigate board policy to see if any policies need revision. It is recommended that the district use this service beginning in mid-August 2010. Motion by Julie Waner, seconded by Eric Esser, to implement the e-transcripts process beginning August 2010. Motion approved 3.0.

IV. High School Laude System

The intent is to recognize students to enroll in challenging courses with academic rigor. The committee is working on a recommendation for the Laude recognition. Courses are based on points to determine Laude ranking. High school departments reviewed the draft of courses on the Laude point scale with limited revision. The next step is for parents, students, and committee to refine proposal. It is hoped to have a recommendation to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee within the next month.

V. Testing and Assessment

Future State of Testing: Two years left with WKCE. New exams being considered in place of the present state test will be more like MAP and EPAS PLAN/EXPLORE/ACT).
ACT Scores and Advanced Placement Results: Reviewed the past few years of ACT and AP results. Some concern over fewer students taking AP with diminishing results. The district will monitor and watch for trends. This spring the high school will survey all students enrolled in AP courses to see if they will take AP test and why.

VI. Music Report

Program Evaluation Report and Middle School and High School Enrollments: Reviewed music numbers for the 7-12 music program over the past two years. Discussion occurred about why music numbers are low or flat. The assumption of why they are that way was discussed. The music department should evaluate the present marching band program and consider restructuring band camp.

All program evaluation action items are completed; only item still needing completion is to develop a keyboarding program.

VII. World Language Review (completed program evaluation action plan update):

Reviewed action plan (draft). Still working on final recommendation for 6th grade Spanish and French. The district should have a plan completed by March 20.

VIII. Technology

High School Alliance (Communication Arts Project): Lisa Carothers reviewed the technology integration project with Jen Scott Curwick (UW-Madison). She reported on their year long study. The CA department met two times per week on Professional Learning Communities and Technology Integration. They have used the time to introduce a technology tool and share the application.

Infinite Campus: So far, so good.

IX. Elementary Issues

10-Day Elementary Calendar and Trimester Elementary Reporting: Currently being discussed and will be brought back to the BOE Curriculum Committee in the near future.

X. 2010 Textbooks and Summer Curriculum Writing

Mike provided an update to the committee.

XI. Summer Staff Development

Mike provided an update to the committee

XII. Motion by Eric Esser, seconded by Julie Waner to adjourn at 6:00 PM.

Copies to: Tim Schell, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Shelley Weiss, Dean Kaminski, Randy Guttenberg, Board of Education