

Board of Education Curriculum Committee

Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 5, 2008

Time: 2:00 pm

Location: Teaching & Learning Center (101 School Dr.)

Members present: **Peggy Hill-Breunig, Bambi Statz, and Julie Waner**

Others Present: Randy Guttenberg, Tim Schell, Craig Wille, Sheila Weihert, Brian Kersten, Dawn Soulier, Amy Fassbender

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Peggy Hill-Breunig. Motion by Bambi Statz, second Julie Waner to approve the agenda. Passed 3-0

- 1. Public input on agenda items-none**
- 2. Dane County Youth Assessment Survey Craig Wille & Brian Kersten explained the need for a risk assessment survey at the HS/MS. See the attached three surveys investigated. Administration is leaning toward recommending the WI On-line but would like to review the questions (revised in the next month). Would like to consider Dane Co. survey but the timeline is approaching very fast. Craig will contact the coordinator of Dane Co. survey to see if we might be able to do it as a pilot. The BOE curriculum committee endorsed the district moving forward with such a student risk analysis survey. This will be on the agenda for next month for more formal action.**
- 3. Camp Invention-Sheila Weihert & Tim Schell reviewed the program that was offered in Aug. 2008. The program was offered as a pilot program through Community Education. We need to study issues such as open enrollment, should the district charge fees for use of the Arboretum, will it impact our summer school programs, funding & affordability by all students and district sponsorship. A decision on offering Camp Invention in 2009 is needed within the month. Sheila will see if we can have an extension to investigate some of the questions raised.**

4. Everyday Math Curriculum on-line Amy Fassbender & Dawn Soulier demonstrated the Everyday Math Curriculum on-line modules. Assessment Management System, Interactive Resource Guide, On-Line Games, e-Calendar. So far nothing but positive reaction from staff, students and parents. This is that first year the all K-6 math staff have had the opportunity to use the 4 math components. The buildings and curriculum budget paid for the program in 2008-09. There is an annual district cost of \$9300 for the program. We will have a joint faculty meeting to discuss the pro/cons of the programs as well as a Zoomerang survey to parents, students & teachers is being planned to determine if it should be considered in the budget in the future.

5. New Course Proposals –BOE committee reviewed the new course proposals for 2008-09. (See attached). The committee's felt these program all had merit but there is concern with tightening budgets will this increase the FTE ? Brian Kersten stated that every year there is a need to balance and shift staff depending upon the student choices of classes. Motion by Bambi Statz, second Julie Waner to send to the full Board for approval of the New Courses Proposed for 2008-09 listed (excluding Elem. Algebra w/ Application until more information provided.)
Approved 3-0.

Postponed until the next BOE Curriculum Meeting

6. Testing & Assessment update
 - MAP (Sept.)
 - EPAS (Explore/Plan) 9/15 & Parent Informational Meeting-10/24
 - WKCE (Nov. 3-14)
 - NAEP (January 29-gr. 8 & March 3-gr. 4 @ Heritage)

7. 4K Study

8. World Language Ad Hoc Committee Update

9. Alternative School Schedule/Calendar (EG. 10 day & 6-day schedules)

Future Agenda Items:

Items 6-9 will be added to the Dec. agenda

Action on Camp Invention

Action on Youth Assessment/Risk Survey

Music Enrollment

Weeding the Garden

Motion by Julie Waner second Bambi Statz to adjourn. Motion approved 3-0 at 4:55 pm

cc. Craig Wille, Tim Schell, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Shelley Weiss, Lee DePas, Randy Guttenberg, BOE.