

Waunakee Board of Education

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Date: September 30, 2008

Time: 9:00 am

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

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

Others Present: **Randy Guttenberg, Kurt Eley, Tim Schell, Mike Hensgen**

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Peggy Hill-Breunig at 9:04 am. All members were present. Motion by Bambi Statz & second Julie Waner to approve the agenda as written. Passed 3-0.

1. Public input on agenda items -None
2. Everyday Math Curriculum on-line Tim Schell & Mike Hensgen provided a brief review of the K-6 Everyday Math On-line instructional opportunities. Amy Fassbender will provide a more in-depth overview in the future. This year the district purchased the module as a pilot in grades K-6 approx. \$9,000 using building and curriculum funds. This would be an annual fee. The committee discussed possible options for such interactive instructional software programs with annual fees (EG. Web assign, Project Lead the Way, Everyday Math online, & others). The administration will assemble a list of recurring cost interactive instructional software programs to determine how this could be funded. Eventually, this would need to be reviewed by the budget committee.
3. Testing & Assessment Booklet (inserts for AP & ACT)- Reviewed pp. 11-12 of the 2007-08 Student Assessment Handbook.
 - a. Advanced Placement results were discussed. A bit concerned about the number of students achieving 1-2 on the test. BOE suggestion to include a line indicating the number of students that enrolled in each course because that number might be different than the number of student who took the AP test. Administration & BOE members are happy to see the number of students taking these rigorous classes.
 - b. ACT-2008 ACT results were very good. Improvement seen in every category compared to last year's scores. Particularly happy that 192 seniors (83% of the class) took the test. That is the highest percentage on record and the scores still improved!
 - c. BOE members indicated some concern of the language arts and social studies scores. We will watch those scores in the future.

4. Human Growth & Development Handbook-Reviewed the HGD Handbook. Motion by Bambi and second Peggy to approve the Human Growth and Development Handbook with the modifications to delete on page 9 bullet 4 "There might be emotional....about abortion." And on page 8 add Grade 8-Health to the second bullet under the first set of Guidelines. Motion approved 3-0. The handbook will be forwarded to the full BOE for action on October 13. BOE members also asked to list types of people who developed and revised the document (EG. clergy, nurse, parents, teachers, & students).
5. Grading practices (Ken O'Connor and staff inservice plans for 08-09)- Administration explained that the information learned at the Aug. 27 inservice seemed to be well received by the staff. 2008-09 will be a year of reflection and discussion. Each building and various individuals within the buildings are incorporating portions of O'Connor's grading & assessment information. The district will provide follow-up training on grading & assessment at the January 23 staff inservice.
6. Program Evaluation (Science, Reading, & Pathways)- District audit of these programs will be on Oct. 14-15.
7. 4K Study-Committee discussed the idea of collecting data on the positives and negatives of implementing a 4K program in the district.
8. Alternative School Schedule/Calendar (EG. 10 day & 6-day schedules)-tabled for future discussion.
9. Eclipse (Curriculum & Testing Data modules)-reviewed the districts use of both the Eclipse curriculum and testing data that has been downloaded for staff and administrative use.

Future Agenda Items:

- **Dane County Youth Assessment Survey (Craig Wille & Brian Kersten)**
- **New Course Proposals**
- **World Language**
- **Class Rank**
- **Music participation and other academic enrichment opportunities in the district.**

Motion by Julie second Bambi to adjourn. Motion carried 2-0 at 11:35 am.

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