

# Waunakee Board of Education

## Curriculum Committee Minutes

Date: July 10, 2008

Time: 9:30 am

Location: Administrative Center-Bethel Circle

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

Others: **Brian Kersten, Randy Guttenberg, Tim Schell, & Mike Hensgen**

**Meeting called to order by Chair Peggy Hill Breunig at 9:35 am. Motion by Bambi Statz second Julie Waner to approve the agenda. Passes 3-0**

1. Public input on agenda items - none
2. Testing & Assessment Booklet- Reviewed the 200708 Testing & Assessment Booklet. Mike reviewed how the staff will use the results to improve student performance. The results of Advanced Placement (AP) & ACT testing will be provided in late August. The departments will do an item analysis of WKCE results to ascertain if there is need for curriculum/instructional modifications on any areas of concern. A few minor changes will be made: p. 6 "Fall 2007"; p. 12 provide AYP explanation; and p. 14 note that the recommended action plans comes directly from our district School Improvement Institute. The information in the booklet will be discussed at the full BOE meeting on Monday; distribute to building coordinators & department chairs; and download to the district web site for public review.
3. Human Growth & Development Handbook-Shared the progress on various HGD issues but will need more time to have K-12 & community consensus on the document. Probably ready in late fall for full BOE review/approval.
4. Dane County Youth Assessment Survey-Shelley Weiss & Brian Kersten presented information on the district possibly using this survey. Craig Wille was not able to attend meeting but he will be involved on this review. Presently it is administered in all Dane Co. schools but De Forest & Waunakee. Many fine questions were raised such as: can we administer it in only a few grades 7-12 (yes); what type of parent consent (active consent); how to administer test ( MS through homerooms & HS would need further investigation); can we eliminate some questions from the survey (yes, but to what degree?); when would a recommendation regarding administration of the survey be needed (the time has passed for 08-09 any decision would be for 09-10); how would the results be used (comparisons to other Dane Co. schools and justifications for grants & curriculum changes); what is the cost

(no cost); do we have any other similar survey (we have administered other like surveys (40 Assets, Teen Screen & local surveys).

**Motion by Bambi, second Julie to support the review of various school climate surveys (Dane County Youth Assessment, Teen Screen & local surveys), share these surveys with Human Growth & Development Committee members, parents groups, staff and others. Bring forward a recommendation to the Curriculum Committee for action this fall. Motion passed 3-0.**

5. Grading practices (Ken O'Connor and staff inservice plans for 08-09) **Committee discussed the August 27 inservice (Ken O'Connor) and staff training on grading practices in 2008-09.**
6. Math placement-**Distributed a rough draft of the Algebra benchmarks and student placement criteria.**
7. Tentative List of Curriculum reports to BOE – 2008-09 **Minor revision Social Studies will replace LMTC in April 2009.**
8. Eclipse (Curriculum structuring) **will reschedule at another curriculum mtg.**
9. Twenty-first Century Skills (See attachment)-**Information need to be provided to staff, BOE & Community on this.**
10. American Diploma Project (See attachment) **Information need to be provided to staff, BOE & Community on this.**
11. Other Items from the Floor – **District writing program need to be reviewed. (article from Brian K.)**

**Future Agenda Items:**

- **Class Rank**
- **Alternative School Schedule/Calendar (EG. 10 day & 6-day schedules)**
- **4K Community Based Programs**
- **HGD Approval**

**Motion by Julie second Peggy to adjourn. Passed 2-0 at 11:36 am**

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