Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes
September 26, 2023
3:45pm – 5:00pm

1. **Welcome**
   Presenter: Lisa Green
   Lisa Green welcomed everyone to the first Curriculum Council meeting for the 2023-2024 school year. She thanked returning Curriculum Council members and welcomed new members. Mrs. Green outlined that the Curriculum Council was composed of representatives from elementary sites, secondary sites, support staff and administration. She explained that Curriculum Council reviews curriculum and makes recommendations to the board for adoption. Lisa Green proceeded to ask each member to introduce themselves. After the introductions, Mrs. Green presented the agenda items.

2. **iReady Teacher Toolbox**
   Presenters: Jana Saenz & Sandra Bergeron
   Jana Saenz presented on a program called iReady. The program is an online program used as a diagnostic tool to measure students' learning needs and offers personalized instruction based on their individual skill level and need. iReady offers diagnostics up to 12th grade and lessons up to 8th grade. Jana Saenz stated that this year OUSD is piloting iReady Teacher Toolbox and all schools K-8 have access to resources and support. Sandra Bergeron provided a guided tour of the Teacher's Toolbox feature of the program, that included ideas for small group activities, practice forms and assessments. Jana encourages all schools to use the iReady Teacher Toolbox resources and provide feedback.

3. **Arts and Music Grant Update**
   Presenter: Lisa Green
   Mrs. Green gave an update on the Arts and Music Grant and allowable expenses. Lisa provided a visual slide presentation giving background and supporting details of how the district enlisted the input from parents, staff, and students on how they would like to see the grant utilized. The proposed expenditure was to allocate funds to each school for Visual and Performing Arts as follows: $25k to high schools, $10k to middle schools, and $5k to elementary schools. Sites can request funds for additional expenditures to help enhance the Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA) programs at their school sites. Lisa also spoke of Prop 28 and its ongoing funding and the requirement that 80% of the funds be spent on new VAPA instructional staff.

4. **District PD Plan 2023-2024**
   Presenter: Lisa Green
   Mrs. Green stated that OUSD continues to offer professional development with this year's focus and emphasis on math for elementary. This plan is called "Unlocking the Mathematics Potential of All Students". Other district PDs include Bridges to Foundational Literacy, Gate Certification, Amplify PD, AVID Trainings, KSL Training, Building Thinking Classroom in Secondary Math, Co-Teaching, Block Schedules, and GLAD.

5. **Closing:** Lisa Green thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 4:36 pm.