



CURRICULUM COUNCIL AGENDA December 15, 2017

Members Present: Wanda Miller, Cathy Collins, Harmony Brenneman, TJ Winkler, Fran Mort, Jill Ackerman, Jackie Blosser, Sally Windle, Stacy Barker, Joel Steinmetz, Kristen Lee, Brian Wischmeyer, Lee Stockhaus, Peter Badertscher purple not in attendance

Old Business-

HS grading policy – Harmony/Patrick H.

GPA versus Total Points/% to determine Final Grade. Handout of examples of possible student results using the proposed rules was shared with council members. Questions were asked by members about the examples. Fran's next step would be to move to BLT to collect more opinions then would come back with final version to CC to approve for a presentation to the School Board for a final approval. It was discussed that this would also affect 7-8 graders. TJ would like to be included in future discussions as it would apply to them also. Motion by Jackie to consider that the rule for choice 5 (50% threshold for quarter grades) would be our recommendation was seconded by Stacy and approved without dissent.

New Business –

Optimist Club Liberty Day Curriculum - Harmony

Harmony believes it best follows fourth grade standards. Constitution and Government is focus in about four sessions taught by community members. They are willing to work in all buildings with the fourth graders. A motion was made by Stacy and seconded by Jill and was approved without dissent to allow this program in our fourth grade classrooms. Harmony to contact them to begin logistical setup for this year or next.

Committee Updates

Arts – Kristen will send Lee whatever curriculum maps/guides they have to share with Watson people.

Career Tech – Recruiting and interviewing potential students for next year has been proceeding with good numbers in all programs so far.

ELA – Implementation Science Practice Profile update: Finished Writing Section as a committee and will have Dr. Duda to review before next meeting on January 16th. Jackie has worked with all 7-12 teachers for a half day the past week for writing PD. Lots of work needed to get back to using a common rubric and cooperative grading using the rubric. Proposal to reduce State Testing could drop ELA I End of Course exam.

Math – Implementation Science Practice Profile update: Dr. Duda is reviewing committee's work and making edits to put the document into more teacher friendly wording. The Three Keys are: Technology, Purposeful Planning and using The Workshop Model. Cathy would like to start a STEM summer program for students for incoming 5th graders and has begun discussions with some principals. She will bring to Council when plans are more concrete.

Science – A committee process in place to review quarterly assessments and to add tests for grades 2-4, which will be done through Schoology platform. *Project Lead The Way* could possibly be moved to a part of Career Tech which among other things has the potential to increase funding options.

Social Studies – Grades 1-4 quarterly assessments are to be done on Schoology. Harmony has been working with North teachers to make sure their teaching is aligned to the standards. The State Department of Education is asking for more staff to work on the Model Curriculums so Harmony sent out to her teachers to apply.

Special Ed. – Profile with no corrective actions mandated, but still has areas of concerns that need to be addressed as a district. Brian to present at DLT in January. Vertical alignment of self-contained classes will be addressed beginning in January.

Technology – Watson Implementation Team meets Monday, Dec. 18th with Office Depot representatives. Pete is looking at the number of different platforms that are in use across the district. Schoology LMS is totally under our control. Pete is looking into a Schoology dashboard upgrade that would assist teachers with analyzing student assessment data. District will be moving towards interactive boards to replace smart board projectors in all classrooms.

Meeting was adjourned after a motion by Harmony that was seconded by Cathy was made at 2:29 P.M. and was approved without dissent.