



Curriculum Council Meeting

June 16, 2009

Minutes

Present: Roger Anderson, Shawn Bishop, Molly Bruzewski, Deb Dunbar, Brian Johnson, Gary Marchel, Allen Pauly, Pam Sook, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle, Chad Zeien

Absent: Jamie Cain, Mike Dewey, Terie Elbers, Linda Engelhardt, Michael Knoff, Dave McCloy, John Mertz, Sandy Miner, Jennifer Parrish, Kim Prime, Randy Schantz, Doug Trombley

1. Curriculum -

- a. **Curriculum Consultant Position** - Molly Bruzewski was approved by the BAISD Board of Directors as the new curriculum consultant. Welcome aboard Molly!
- b. **Consultants for 2009-2010** - Deb Dunbar is working to determine contracted staff for next year. Jan Sopczynski will be contracted for 80 days and will work with Molly on the English curriculum writing as well as supporting the districts. Barb Peters will work 130 days and her tasks will include the Teacher Academy, DIBELS training and Response to Intervention (RTI). Deb will email the final list of contracted staff once all staff is in place.
- c. **Curriculum Plan for 09-10** - Molly distributed the 5-year curriculum review cycle. K-12 ELA and K-8 Math will be initiated in the 2009-2010 school year. Standardization of the documents and how we do curriculum across the district will be addressed. Molly distributed a proposed county-wide curriculum alignment, mapping, pacing and common assessment schedule for ELA and Math. K-8 Math project proposal was distributed which included goals, outcomes, proposed timelines, meeting dates and budget. A discussion followed regarding the past practices involving curriculum development. Has writing ISD-wide curriculum been effective? Is there another process that would work better for our districts? Many of the districts showed concern that they do not have the resources to tackle the projects as proposed and would like a more personalized approach to curriculum writing. Molly will rework plan to include a more individualized approach and present to council in August.
- d. **BAISD Power Standards** - Power standards for ELA 9-12, Algebra 1 & 2, Geometry, Biology, Chemistry and Physics are complete. They are now posted on the BAISD website. To review the power standards visit the following link:
<http://www.baisd.net/curriculum/curriculumresources/powerstandards/>
- e. **PE Progress Report** - The PE team continues to work on the PE curriculum. Deb Birkey from MDE was brought in to assist with this project. The team

will meet again in August to finish. A traditional roll-out with all PE teachers is planned.

- f. **PE Clarification** – Pam distributed the MDE recommended test-out procedures for PE. Pam is waiting for clarification from the State on the PE waiver. She will forward that information once she receives it.
- g. **World Language Requirement** – The Michigan Merit Curriculum for World Languages was distributed. There is still uncertainty regarding this requirement. BAISD will watch for information that comes across from the State and keep everyone informed.

2. Professional Development

- a. **Teacher Academy** – Barb Peters will be leading the Teacher Academy which is for new teachers and teachers that are new to their positions. This academy and will run August 17 – 21. Teachers must attend all five sessions, as each session builds on the previous session. There will also be a Teacher Academy Crash Course for those teachers hired after August 21. For more information please contact Barb Peters at petersb@baisd.net.
- b. **Draft of PD suggestion for 2/1/2010** – Deb distributed a draft proposal for the BAISD professional development day on Monday February 1, 2010. Carolyn Wierda, Superintendent of Bay City Public Schools suggested that the event take place at Western High School. Suggested speakers were listed. If you are interested in a speaker that is not on the list, please contact dunbard@baisd.net with that information.
- c. **Back to School Days** – Many requests have come in to host a refresher in Accelerated Reader and Accelerated Math. Watch for those workshops in the fall.
- d. **Guidance for Fall 2009 planning** – Don't hesitate to ask Deb Dunbar if you would like help.

3. Data Warehouse – Lisa Zettle discussed the following items:

- a. Help files and instructions were added to the website.
- b. “Frequently Asked Questions” sheet was distributed.
- c. Instructions on how to create the following were distributed.
 - Student Profile Report
 - Performance by GLCE
 - MME Demographic Report
 - MEAP Demographic Report
 - MEAP Performance based on prior years
- d. Lisa distributed a contact sheet for the Data Warehouse. If you have any changes to this list, please contact her at zettle@baisd.net.
- e. Course Names – There is not a consistency of course names across the districts. (I.e. Algebra, Algebra 1, Algebra 1-1, Algebra 8, Algebra I, Algebra 1A. all the same class). Is there anything we can do to make this standard?

4. Updates from MDE, other –

- a. MEAP Access – was rolled out this Spring. Info is posted at www.michigan.gov/mde
- b. **MEAP ELA – October 2009** – Jan Sopczynski distributed an overview of the Fall MEAP changes for ELA 2009 which includes special emphasis on the new informational writing. For more information please contact Jan at Sopczynskij@baisd.net.
 - MEAP Clinics – Sessions will be available in early fall.
 - Grant RFP – MDE Project Reimagine – RFP letter was distributed - A call for innovative ideas in Michigan. This grant is funded by federal economic recovery funds. Visit http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-43092_52788---,00.html

NEXT MEETING DATE: August 18, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.

cc: Superintendents