



# Curriculum Council August 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Molly Bruzewski, Tom Caldwell, Mike Dewey, Anne Doriean, Terie Elbers, Linda Engelhardt, Brian Johnson, Vince LaCavera, Wes Mayo, Dave McCloy, Sallie O'Neill, Jennifer Parrish, Rhonda Provoast, Allen Pauly, Pam Sook, Jan Sopczynski, Doug Trombley, Don Vernon, Chad Zeien, Lisa Zettle

**Absent:** Roger Anderson, Jamie Cain, Michael Knoff, Sandy Miner, Kim Prime, Randy Schantz, Mike Vieau

1. **Welcome New Members** – Iosco RESA was welcomed to Curriculum Council.
2. **Priorities as a Council for 09-10** – Council members met in groups to identify priorities for the 2009-2010 school year. Deb Dunbar will provide a list of those responses at the September meeting.
3. **Curriculum Council Survey** - Deb Dunbar sent a Zoomerang survey regarding the format and structure of Curriculum Council meetings to all council members over the summer. The results of the survey were distributed.
4. **Our own professional development priorities during 09-10** – Council was asked what they saw as their own personal professional development needs during the 09-10 school year. The following is a list of responses.
  - Cutting edge technology training for administrators
  - Assistance with budgets and managing
  - Learning more about assessments and how to use data (assessment literacy)
  - Constant flow of information on what is new
  - Book Study - (*Deb Dunbar asked that members bring book ideas to next meeting.*)
  - Evaluation training for administrators, be able to go into the classroom and evaluate
  - Walk through training
5. **Curriculum -**
  - **Updates for the year ahead** – Molly has been in contact with all Bay-Arenac districts to meet and schedule time for her team to come in and assist with curriculum alignment. The five step process –begins the week of August 24<sup>th</sup> for Pinconning and Arenac Eastern. Molly would like each district to identify “key leaders” that will be the point person or “curriculum chiefs.” These “chiefs” will be trained in the curriculum process. The focus this year will be on ELA and Math as determined by Curriculum Council.
  - **Personal Curriculum** – Sallie O'Neill has been contracted for 50 days and will conduct personal curriculum workshops as well as workshops for high school counselors. Listed are the workshops that are currently scheduled for the upcoming year. To find out more about these workshops - or to register - please visit <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/CourseByAlpha.asp> .

**Personal Curriculum Seminar**

October 6, 2009

**2009-2010 Counselor Network**

**Are your Students Work/College Ready?**

November 10, 2009

This workshop will review a variety of concepts used to aid in the transition from high school to vocational school/college.

**Understanding Mental Health Disorders in Today's Youth**

December 1, 2009

This workshop will assist the school counselor in comprehending when a student's behavior is a warning sign of a mental health concern, or simply a sign of their developmental behavior.

**Communication is the Key**

March 2, 2009

This workshop will explore successful approaches toward best practices in communicating with all of the "stakeholders" in the educational community.

**Who Moved My Counseling Job?**

April 14, 2009

The role of school counselor has changed dramatically in the past three decades. This seminar will focus on "how to make things work" in the life of the counselor.

- **Professional Development** – Listed below are a few of the Fall 09 workshop highlights. Please visit <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/CourseByAlpha.asp> for a complete list of workshops.
  - [Leslie Fisher & Tools for Today's Learners](#) – September 30, 2009. To learn more about Leslie Fisher, visit her website at <http://www.leslifisher.com>.
  - [Literacy Coach Network](#) - facilitated by Jan Sopczynski. This network will offer support for existing literacy coaches and teacher leaders.
  - [News About the New MEAP Writing Format](#) –new tasks for 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade writing and implications and the impact it will have on teaching will be shared. For more information please contact Jan Sopczynski at [sopczynskij@baisd.net](mailto:sopczynskij@baisd.net).
  - [Ten Exciting Ways to Teach Vocabulary](#) - the link between comprehension and vocabulary is important for student success.
  - [Geometry Training for High School Teachers](#) – with Gary Johns
  - [Why Try? Grades K-12 9/28-29/2009](#) – to be held at the Bavarian Inn on September 28-29. Contact Pam Sook at [sookp@baisd.net](mailto:sookp@baisd.net) for more information.
  - Physics Series – with John West – [Physics Training for High School Teachers](#)
  - Writing a Strategy to Boost Student Achievement – facilitated by Deonna Montei – A series for elementary and middle school administrators. What for more information to come!
  - Writers workshop for grades 3- 5 – What for more information to come!.
- **Feb 1 discussion** – Planning for the ISD-wide professional development day will begin at the next council meeting in September.

6. **Data Warehouse/Assessment System** –

- **Summer Updates** - Lisa Zettle explained the updates/improvements that have been made to the data warehouse over the summer. Please contact Lisa at [zettlet@baisd.net](mailto:zettlet@baisd.net) if you would like to schedule training, or have any suggestions/questions about the warehouse.

- **Data for Student Success (D4SS)** – Deb, Molly and Lisa will be going to training this month. There have been a lot of updates to the program that they will be learning to bring back and share with districts.
  - Pearson Benchmark – Lisa stated that most district rosters have be uploaded for the new school year.
  - **Pearson Outreach Trainers/Coaches** – Bay-Arenac ISD will be contracting with Darcy McMahon and Kristine Brillhart, former Midland Public School teachers, for up to 50 days to conduct regional training sessions on the Pearson Assessment System. They will offer professional development days, be available for staff meetings in your buildings, and also upload local assessments. They will be introduced at the September meeting.
  - **Pearson Celebration Lunch** – Tom Siegel from Pearson has invited all key members of the Pearson Assessment project to a Celebration lunch at the DoubleTree on Wednesday, September 23 from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Please email Jill Bialek at [bialekj@baisd.net](mailto:bialekj@baisd.net) with names of the people who will be attending from your district. (Curriculum Council members, principals, key teachers who have attended training are all invited).
7. **SVSU Math Science Center** – Dave McCloy distributed an outline of programs and services.
- The SVSU Math Science Center is one of 33 math and science centers around the state. Each center is unique to fit the specific needs of the area.
  - Module checkout will start September 8. Please call 989.964-7075 for more information.
  - There are over 500 new math and science sites available through their website. Please visit [www.svsu.edu/matchsci-center/](http://www.svsu.edu/matchsci-center/) for more information.
  - Summer program wrap up – The science center held 14 math and science workshops for teachers with over 200 teachers participating. They also offered 2 Summer Camps for Kids with 100 student participants.
  - Algebra for All Program – beginning August 2009 this yearlong workshop will teach participants how to approach the teaching of algebra in respect to the new Michigan Merit Curriculum. Dave provided the registration list of who is attending from BAISD.
8. **MDE/NCA School Improvement -**
- **Conference dates in Michigan 09-10** – Deb Dunbar distributed a list of Michigan Education Conferences to be held in the 2009-2010 school year.
  - **Michigan CSI: Continuous School Improvement - A Fall 2009 Update Seminar** will be held on December 11, 2009. Led by Deb Dunbar, participants will learn about MDE School Improvement updates for 2009-2010 including tools, templates and resources available for your planning efforts.
  - **Guided School Improvement Implementation Series** –Participants will monitor, adjust and discuss the implementation of their school improvement plan, and learn about the updated information from MDE.
  - **Education Yes Help Sessions** - Principals and their teams are invited in to discuss and complete their 09-10 Education Yes reports. Technical assistance will be provided to ensure a supportive experience. Teams will need to bring their building ´s Access Code provided by MDE. Dates are located on CourseWhere.
  - **Seat Time Waivers** – Bay and Arenac districts signed on to Genesee ISD’s Seat Time Waiver application to MDE for the 09-10 school year. Council will cover updates on this topic in upcoming meetings. Salle O’Neill is available to districts through BAISD to provide informational workshops for staff on this topic during 09-10.
9. Grants -
- Readiness & Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) – U.S. Department of Education grant was awarded to Bay-Arenac ISD in the amount of \$316,000. The purpose of this grant is to create, strengthen, or improve emergency management plans at the local district and school building levels and build the capacity of local

school district staff so they can continue the implementation of key emergency management functions after the period of Federal funding. Grant period runs from August 1, 2009 – January 31, 2011. A more in-depth fact sheet was distributed. For more information please contact Pam Sook at 989.667.3262 or [sookp@baisd.net](mailto:sookp@baisd.net).

- Project Reimagine – Bay-Arenac ISD has submitted a proposal entitled “Great Lakes – Great Expectations.”
- Title IID – Regional Data Initiatives Grant – Bay-Arenac ISD will partner with Saginaw ISD and Iosco ISD to submit a regional proposal for the Title IID – Data Initiatives Grant. To learn more about the grant, visit <http://techplan.org>. If awarded, the grant would assist Bay Arenac districts in defraying future costs for Pinnacle.

10. Miscellaneous –

- Bay-Arenac ISD will be having an Imagination Library Celebration breakfast on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the DoubleTree.
- H1N1 Influenza Virus – School Update – Pam Sook distributed an update sheet on the H1N1 Influenza Virus. If you have any questions, please contact her at 989.667.3262 or [sookp@baisd.net](mailto:sookp@baisd.net).

**NEXT MEETING DATE: September 15, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.**

Cc: Superintendents

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