



Curriculum Council

April 20, 2010

Meeting Minutes

Present: Christine Beardsley, Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Molly Bruzewski, Deb Dunbar, Terie Elbers, Brian Johnson, Darren Kroczaleski, Ted Matuszak, Sandy Miner, Dave McCloy, Allen Pauly, Rhonda Provoast, Beverly Skinner, Pam Sook, Doug Trombley, Don Vernon, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle

Absent: Jamie Cain, Carla Derocher, Anne Doriean, Linda Engelhardt, Michael Knoff, Jennifer Parrish, Kim Prime, Chad Zeien

1. **Welcome and Overview of Agenda** – Introductions were made – one addition to the agenda was made - Roger Nugent from Bay Sail will speak about educational field trips available to districts.
2. **SVSU Updates** – Dave McCloy provided an overview of the happenings at the SVSU Math and Science Center.
 - Earth Day Celebrates 40th year – visit <http://www.earthday.net/>.
 - Summer Short Course Offerings for teachers was distributed.
 - The Kilogram Newsletter was distributed.
 - The Milligram Newsletter for kids was distributed.
 - Summer SMEK 2010 registration form was distributed
 - Grants & Opportunities –
 - Nationwide Trash to Treasure competition – <http://pbskids.org/designsquad/contest/index.html>
 - Pepsi Refresh Grant – <http://www.refresheverything.com/>
 - MSTA mini grant program for current membership - visit <http://msta-mich.org/index.php/staticpage/index/opportunities/minigrant.html>
 - For further information please visit <http://www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center/home.html> or email Dave McCloy at mccloyd@svsu.edu.
3. **Curriculum** –
 - **Local District Accomplishment** - Molly distributed a curriculum work-to-date matrix. Discussion was held within small groups to share progress in curriculum development work accomplished to date.
 - **Common Core Rollout** – Information was distributed about Common Core State Standards which are expected to be rolled out in fall of 2010. Up-to-date information can be found on <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140--232021--,00.html>
 - **World Language Update** – World Language teachers met at the DoubleTree on March 2nd to discuss the new world language requirements. A sub group of teachers will travel to Macomb ISD for an Assessment Prototypes workshop on April 28. The World Language teachers have requested that the group continue to meet next year.
 - **Health Education** – Pam Sook provided an update on health, drug and safety programs.
 - SPLASH will be expanding next year to include additional schools.
 - Bangor Central and Lincoln elementary schools and Bay County PSA held a student parent event called *Food Play*, a theatre production on healthy eating and physical activity.
 - 2008 Physical Activity Guidelines for Americans was distributed.
 - Pam distributed a sample of a brochure that districts will be receiving to distribute to their students on "*Getting High on Prescription and over the Counter Drugs is Dangerous.*" Please watch for these brochures to be delivered before the end of the school year.

4. Professional Development –

- **Thinking Maps: Train-the-Trainer** – The current registration list of those districts attending the Thinking Maps Train-the-Trainer event on June 23-25 was distributed to show council members who in their districts are registered. Deb Dunbar has offered 1 spot per district and will pay \$100 per day for that person to attend. Please contact her for more information at dunbard@baisd.net.
- **Summer 2010** – A postcard will be distributed to teachers highlighting upcoming summer workshops that will be held by BAISD. Workshops include – 21st Century Teaching and Learning Institute, New Teacher Training, Moodle Boot Camp, Writing and Reading Strategies Across the Curriculum: Grades 3-12, and Cool Tools: Getting Ready for School, to be held at the Delta College Planetarium in downtown Bay City.
- **Leadership Academy** – Great Lakes Bay Summer Leadership Academy will be held at SVSU beginning Tuesday, June 22. A detailed agenda was distributed. Speakers at this event include Richard Elmore, Dennis Sparks, Lou Glazer, and Mike Schmoker. Please register early!
- **Planning ahead and priorities** – Each district briefly discussed their plans and priorities. Below is the list:

District	Plans and Priorities
Arenac Eastern	Continue with curriculum planning Math and ELA Vocabulary building – Marzano Thinking Maps More classes for advanced kids
Bangor	Great Expectations – High and Middle School Great Lakes Bay Summer Leadership Academy Standards Based Learning K12 Ruby Payne MiBLSi Applications being submitted
Bay City	District wide PD by building April 26. Curriculum realignment MiBLSi Professional Development Great Lakes Bay Summer Leadership Academy Grading and Assessment - top priority Pilot of Social Studies materials at elementary level Common End of Course Exams in Biology and World History
Essexville-Hampton	Transition through district NCA K-12 ELA final completion K-5 alignment in Math next year Revisit Science and Social Studies assessment piece
Pinconning	Write from the Beginning training – Amber Wallin – Pinconning
Standish-Sterling	Studying Marzano in-depth Professional Development around Marzano Admin training on Walk Through Freshman academy – (team approach) End of course assessments and common assessments every two weeks. High school summer school through Compass Learning
Bay-Arenac Community High School	Writing concentration
Iosco Districts	Alignment within districts Professional Development at the county level Talking more and more about how they are going to share resources

5. MEAP Data -

- Lisa Zettle distributed the regional MEAP report (using state data off the website) – along with CD for presentation purposes.

6. **Pinnacle National Users Conference** – BAISD has been invited to present at the Pinnacle National users conference on July 15-16. Loveland, CO. If you are interested in joining the BAISD presentation team, please contact Deb Dunbar at dunbard@baisd.net.
7. **Pearson Benchmark** – Pearson is unveiling a new product called Learnia. This new product is supposed to be an improvement on their current assessment system. Everyone will be phased off the old product by December 31, 2010. Christine Brillhart and Darcy McMahon will be trained in the summer in the new product so that they will be ready to train district staff beginning this fall.
8. **Guided School Improvement** – 110 people are participating in writing their school improvement plan. If districts receive Title money, all schools within the district must complete a school improvement plan through the Advanced-Ed website. Mike Vieau shared his completed school improvement plan. Deb is hosting a streamlined course on May 12 & 13 for those schools that have not started this process.
9. **LEA Planning** –The LEA Planning Cycle (for Title \$) has been moved into the Advanced-ed web site beginning in Spring 2010. An informal work session will be held on April 26, at the Educational Service Center for district contacts which will cover the new information and directions for getting started.
10. **Title IID – Data Initiatives Grant** – MDE is proposing to send out 3 to 4 surveys to all Michigan teachers and administrators as part of the statewide Title IID Regional Data Initiatives grant between May 2010 and June 2011. During the life of the grant, MDE is going to measure what teachers know about data and assessment as the grant progresses. We will keep you informed as to the timeline and next steps.
11. **MDE Updates** -
 - Personal Curriculum “Ning” for networking – Social networking site for personal curriculum. (See the PC Newsletter for how to join, or contact Salle O’Neill oneills@baisd.net)
 - MAISA has provided, free of charge, ActPoint as a decision-making tool for PC – A personal curriculum decision making tool for counselors. MAISA may continue this subscription for all ISDs/districts in Michigan for 2010-11. If not, BAISD will consider picking up the cost.
 - Online PD requirement – Deb distributed a draft document covering the proposed online professional development requirement (state school aid act section 101(10) guidance document).
 - Teacher evaluation – The Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Recommendation from Saginaw ISD was distributed. This listed the revised school code regarding teacher and administrator evaluation. Discussion was held how each district currently evaluates.

Arenac Eastern	Locally adopted form. Non-tenured are evaluated 3 times/year tenured staff are evaluated 1 time each year
Bangor	Stages Online Tool based on Danielson’s work
Bay City Public Schools	Own form based on Danielson’s work-all forms are online and teachers are evaluated yearly
BACHS	uses a locally developed tool
Essexville-Hampton	locally negotiated tool based on discussion with union
Pinconning	Union adopted tool that has been negotiated which looks at 10 different areas
Standish	Locally developed tool, but not sure if it is district wide
Iosco Districts	Locally developed based on Danielson’s work

- The Michigan Educational Research Association (MERA) is holding their spring 2010 Conference on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 calledMeasuring Teacher Performance...visit www.merainc.org for more information.
12. **Bay Sail** - Roger Nugent discussed different programs being offered at– Bay Sail.
 - **“Science under Sail”** – is delivered on board the Appledore 4 and 5 and is geared toward student’s grades K-4, 5-7, and 8-12. The curriculum on board is aligned with the new MDE

standards. Currently over 31,000 students have gone through the program since its inception. Field trips usually last about 3.5 hours and allows students to make the connection between the water they drink and the water in the Saginaw Bay.

- **“Teachers Under sail”** – Is an opportunity for classroom teachers to come aboard the Appledore IV and learn about the Science under Sail program. It gives teachers the opportunity to see for themselves what their students will learn. Cost is free, but is limited to the 20 teachers. Please RSVP by Friday May 28th to Carri McGuire, Program Director at 989.895.5193 or program@baysailbaycity.org.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 18, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Cc: Superintendents

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