



Curriculum Council December 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes

Present: Adair Aumock, Jill Bialek, Molly Bruzewski, Deb Dunbar, Bill Grusecki, Diane Hurley, Brian Johnson, Darren Kroczaleski, Gary Marchel, Salle O'Neill, Arnae Sajdak, Pam Sook, Don Vernon, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle, Chad Zeien

Absent: Tammy Barrientos, Linda Engelhardt, David Hurst, Deb Kadish, Steve Kennedy, Michael Knoff, Ron Kraft, Ted Matuszak, Dana McGrew, Suzanne Monaghan, Charles Negro, Becky Neitzke

Guests: Aaron Schippert – Saginaw ISD

- 1. LiveBinder** – The handouts, websites and Powerpoint the December 13 meeting will be located in a LiveBinder. Visit: http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=262963 to access. You will see tabs across the top for the main headings. Sub tabs contain related material. When you click to open a Powerpoint or Word document it may take a few seconds to open up. If you encounter a dialog box, just click "cancel" and it will go away. After that, the document should open right up. We will archive the Council LiveBinders at the Bay-Arenac website under Instructional Services/Administrators.
 - Here are a couple more LiveBinders to explore:
 - Kalamazoo RESA Math - Common Core - http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=187117
 - iPads in Schools - http://www.livebinders.com/play/play_or_edit?id=26195
- 2. Enhancing Curriculum with Saginet Services** – Aaron Schippert, Director of Saginet from Saginaw ISD discussed Saginet Technology in Saginaw County. Saginet is basically fiber that hooks all of the K-12 buildings in Saginaw. The focus is to provide teachers with the technology to provide "virtual field trips" and other virtual connections into the classroom (like classroom to classroom for special projects). Visit www.saginet.org or contact Aaron Schippert at aschippert@sisd.cc for more information. Saginaw is now offering a few online classes in Health and also Middle School Spanish. They will be expanding this program to American Sign Language and high level Spanish next year.
- 3. Curriculum**
 - **Common Core At Bay City Public Schools** – Adair Aumock discussed Bay City Public Schools view on Common Core Standards. Bay City decided to phase the CCSS over 3 years starting with K-8. They brought together teachers for an overview and then created grade level teams to dissect what students should know and be able to do by each grade. Draft of course guides for K-8 will be done by April PD day. Next fall, the process will start for the High School Common Core Standards. Teachers are able to register on Moodle to access resource sharing forums which are updated regularly.
 - **Common Core in the GLB Region** - Molly Bruzewski provided templates that can aid districts in their planning for Common Core implementation. The templates are included in the Live Binder, but an outline of how to approach using those documents could be:
 - **The Transition Plan** (the blank is also provided) – The plan allows the ISD to evaluate what we are doing, and what we still need to address and allows us to begin to think about the School Improvement document (1 year plan) and MDE document (5 year plan) more clearly.
 - **The Calendar of School Improvement Events** (blank also provided) - The document identifies what we were already doing AND what needs to be done the rest of this year. The document brings focus to the year - and clarifies the 5 year document more specifically.
 - **The MDE & ISD Timeline for Transitioning** - The document brings into perspective HOW MUCH TIME we actually have to transition; we can be targeted and intentional and develop a really good transition for the community/teachers/students/etc.
 - **Moodle Tutorial** – Molly demonstrated how to get to the Great Lakes Bay Rollout Materials.

- **Bully Free Schools: Creating a Circle of Support for Learning** – This workshop will be held on March 16 and 23 to support training of school teams in the Bully Free Schools approach to reduce bullying behaviors. It is recommended that districts bring a 3-5 member team to the training. To register visit <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/showcourse.asp?1159>
4. **Great Lakes Bay Early College** – An update was provided by Salle O’Neill. There were many questions early on regarding the Great Lakes Bay Early College. In June 2011, Mike Vieau from Pinconning Area Schools, and Adair Aumock from Bay City Public Schools brainstormed a list of questions and concerns regarding the GLB Early College. These questions were reviewed by Marlene Searles of the GLB College and a handout was distributed with answers at Curriculum Council. Discussion was held. The conversation & Q/A will continue at the next Council meeting where Marlene will visit.
 5. **Seat Time Waiver** – Bay-Arenac ISD will be hosting a workshop on January 24, 2012 called “Meeting Students’ Needs with the Genesee County Seat Time Waiver Program.” This workshop will teach participants how high school and middle school students throughout Michigan have the opportunity to take more than two online courses at a time – including a full-time online schedule – through the Genesee County Seat Time Waiver (STW) Program. To find out more, or to register visit <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/CourseByAlpha.asp>.
 6. **Assessment** – State, Regional, Local
 - **Smarter Balance** – Smarter Balance is a National consortium that is developing assessment items that go along with the new Common Core. These Assessment items will replace the MEAP and MME grades 2 – 12. For more information visit: <http://www.k12.wa.us/smarter/>
 - **EXPLORE/PLAN** – MDE is working on a contract with ACT to offer free EXPLORE/PLAN assessments to all Michigan Schools. This is not official now, but watch for an official announcement from MDE in January 2012.
 - **TSDL** – The first Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) data from MDE will arrive in districts in January 2012. MDE will provide some level of training (probably webinar) on how to use the TSDL data in the teacher evaluation process (if a district wishes to do so this year).
 - **Regional - Data Warehouse Update** – Lisa Zettle provided an update regarding the Data Warehouse progress. The Data Warehouse server will be upgraded over the holidays. The data warehouse will be down on December 27 and 28. Lisa will be sending an email to Tech Directors to alert them of this shut down.
 - **Local** – Teacher Evaluation & Student Growth – Districts shared what they are doing on teacher evaluation forms, process & especially the student growth component.
 7. **Professional Development** –
 - **February 6** - Regional Professional Development Day – Plans will be finalized for the PD day by January 1 and registration brochures will be distributed to the schools in early January.
 8. **MDE/News/Other** –
 - **Live Binder for School Improvement Conference and NCA Conference Updates** – Selected presentations from the recent School Improvement Conference are contained in the LiveBinder. Includes: NCA update by Kathy Sergeant, Michigan’s Rtl Plan, Crestwood HS’s plan to improve ACT scores, net Title I Program Evaluation template and others.

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 17, 2012

Note: A working lunch meeting for those involved in planning the Feb 6th PD day will be held after Curriculum Council from 11:00 – 1:30.

cc: Superintendents