



Curriculum Council December 15, 2009 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Molly Bruzewski, Anne Doriean, Deb Dunbar, Linda Engelhardt, Brian Johnson, Dave McCloy, Jennifer Parrish, Allen Pauly, Beverly Skinner, Doug Trombley, Don Vernon, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle

Absent: Christine Beardsley, Jamie Cain, Carla Derocher, Terie Elbers, Michael Knoff, Ted Matuszak, Sandy Miner, Kim Prime, Rhonda Provoast, Randy Schantz, Pam Sook, Chad Zeien

1. **Welcome and overview of agenda** – Additions to the agenda - certificate of completion and SVSU Math and Science Center.
2. **Curriculum** – Math and English mapping continues to move forward. *Curriculum Goes Wild* is workshop that is ongoing to build a consensus among our leaders of our districts, what our documents should look like, and how to measure accountability and build common assessments.
3. **Certificate of Completion** – A subcommittee met to discuss the topic of certificate of completion. It is key to work together and achieve consistency with format and process. More conversation is needed. Discussion time will be set aside for this topic at the next Curriculum Council meeting. Council Members are invited to bring a Counselor and/or others from their districts. Invitation/agenda will be sent out well in advance.
4. **SVSU Math and Science Center** – An update on Math/Science news was distributed.
 - SVSU Newsletter – *The Kilogram* was distributed.
 - HS-MASS IV – 2010 Professional Development series announced for ALL high school teachers in Science. This training which takes place on February 19, March 26 and April 30, 2010, is aimed at improving student performance on the Michigan Merit Exam. Space is limited; registration is done by phone only at 989.964.4114.
 - SVSU Kids Newsletter – *The Milligram* was distributed.
 - Winter SMEK program – The *Science and Math Extravaganza for Kids* will take place on February 13, 2010 and is geared for students 2-4 and 5-8. Registration details are at www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center/.
 - Professional Memberships – 3 in 1 Program – Join all three state-wide teaching associations for one low membership rate. Shop on-line at any one of the following websites.
 - MCSS - Michigan Council for Social Studies – www.michigancouncilss.org
 - MCTM - Michigan Council of Teacher of Mathematics – www.mictm.org
 - MCTA - Michigan Science Teachers Association – www.msta-mich.org
5. **What's New at the Career Center** – Two wind turbines have been purchased with the Alternative Energy Grant that was received this year. One will be placed by the pond at the Career Center and the energy savings will cover the costs of the holiday lights that have been placed on site. The Alternative Energy Grant has been funded for a second year. The new Health and Science wing is at full capacity and is in full swing.

6. **Professional Development –**
- **February 1st Planning –**
 - Registration Brochure - The registration brochure was reviewed.
 - Session Moderators - Session moderators are needed for each breakout session. These moderators will be responsible for introducing the speaker as well as SB-CEU verification. Council Members were asked to volunteer.
 - Transportation – Parking is limited! Bussing is strongly encouraged!
 - Marzano session at Genesee ISD – A group of Council members went to see Marzano at Genesee ISD, the trip was reviewed.
 - Books for you: A Repair Kit for Grading by Ken O’Connor – Council Members received this book. Any one who would like to review the book as a group, they will be invited to after Curriculum Council in January.
 - Handout: How formative assessment and standards-based grading is motivating our students. Presentation by Dansville Schools. A PowerPoint presentation was distributed.
7. **Great Lakes Bay Summer Leadership Academy –** Mark your calendars for June 22, 23, & 24, 2010. This regional collaboration is being sponsored by Bay-Arenac ISD, Midland ESA, Saginaw ISD, and SVSU. Richard Elmore, Dennis Sparks, and Mike Schmoker are a few of the key speakers scheduled.
8. **MDE School Improvement/ED Yes –** Handouts were provided on Ed Yes and School Improvement. The Ed Yes window opened December 3, 2009 and closes March 12, 2010. If you have any questions as your district completes these items, please don’t hesitate to contact Deb Dunbar at dunbard@baisd.net or 989.667.3224.
9. **Data Warehouse –**Updates will be done to the data warehouse server between Christmas and New Years. The data warehouse will be unavailable at that time. Lisa has been meeting with Kalamazoo RESA on a regular basis to share ideas between the two warehouses. (CDs)
10. **Pearson/Benchmark –** Training opportunities for using Pearson Benchmark are being offered throughout the school year. The purpose of training is to assist teachers (and other staff) in understanding how to use Pearson Benchmark to create and manage assessments. Teachers are encouraged to bring actual assessment projects to the training for assistance and follow-up on “real” projects. Districts will be asked to complete a Pearson Roll Out / Implementation Plan prior to staff members being trained. Please contact Lisa Zettle at zettlet@baisd.net to schedule any training. Below is a list of dates that have been tentatively scheduled:

NEXT MEETING DATE: January 19, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Cc: Superintendents

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