



# Curriculum Council October 20, 2009 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Jill Bialek, Christine Beardsley, Molly Bruzewski, Carla Derocher, Deb Dunbar, Linda Engelhardt, Brian Johnson, Ted Matuszak, Jim Menpace, Dave McCloy, Salle O'Neill, Kim Prime, Rhonda Provoast, Beverly Skinner, Pam Sook, Don Vernon, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle, Chad Zeien

**Absent:** Shawn Bishop, Jamie Cain, Tom Caldwell, Mike Dewey, Anne Doriean, Terie Elbers, Michael Knoff, Sandy Miner, Jennifer Parrish, Allen Pauly, Randy Schantz, Doug Trombley

1. **Welcome and overview of agenda** – Introductions were made. Two items were added to the agenda: 1) SVSU Math and Science Center and 2) Teacher Technology Assessment.
2. **BAISD Website** – Curriculum Council agendas, meeting minutes, and related links will be available on the Bay-Arenac ISD website under the following link <http://www.baisd.net/curriculum/administratoropportunities>.
3. **Summary of Council priorities for 09-10.** A final list of Curriculum Council priorities was distributed. Council members will have the option of viewing clips of a DVD by Robert Marzano titled "*Guiding Assessments- Using Technology to Drive Formative Assessment and Standards-Based Learning*" at upcoming Council meetings. Dr. Marzano also has a new book coming out in November 2009 titled "*Formative Assessment and Standards-based Grading: Classroom Strategies that work by Robert Marzano*". Curriculum Council will offer an optional book study starting in January. Genessee ISD is hosting Bob Marzano on November 18. Deb has invited Curriculum Council to attend this event. Please let her know by Friday, October 23, if you are interested in attending.
4. **MEAP Survey** – Brian Johnson distributed a document from Calhoun ISD regarding changing MEAP Testing from Fall to Spring each year. Bay City is a member of the Middle Cities Organization. Brian Johnson asked for comments. A concern was expressed about the same timing with MME/ACT. Instead of the 12 days of preparation, you now have months of preparation. Please email Brian Johnson at [johnsonb@bcschools.net](mailto:johnsonb@bcschools.net) with your comments. He will forward all comments to the Middle Cities task force.
5. **Tech Assessment Survey** – A technology assessment has been created by the RITS group in Michigan (Regional Instructional Technology Specialists). This assessment is more in-depth, is aligned with NETS standards and adds another assessment to your tool kit. Deb will email to council members and post it to the website.
6. **Algebra II Changes and Implications** - Bob Cooper, Mathematics Consultant from Midland Public Schools, discussed the updated Algebra II requirements. 25 Mathematics High School Content Expectations were removed from the Algebra II Course/Credit Requirements. They have not changed the high school requirements they have just changed where they belong. The state is holding Algebra II webinars please see the MDE website for more information. The updated Michigan Merit Curriculum course requirements for Algebra II were distributed.

7. **SVSU Math and Science Center** – An update on the Math and Science happenings was distributed. The Math and Science Center has received funding for 2009-2010. Various grants are currently in the works. Dave McCloy distributed a Resource Guide of services that the SVSU Math and Science Center provides. The center has modules and other materials available for check out such as labs on wheels science modules, Versatiles® starter sets and answer cases, as well as various miscellaneous equipment and materials for check-out. The Resource Guide is available on the website at [www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center/](http://www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center/)
8. **Current Curriculum Schedule/Updates** – Things are moving along well with most districts on the curriculum schedule. Molly distributed two documents titled "Building Capacity."
- **Building Capacity - Curriculum Chief.** The goal is to have a "Curriculum Chief" for each grade level in each district. A \$500.00 stipend will be available for those teachers who attend 5 of 6 meetings (3-4 persons per district, maximum). Please contact Molly Bruzewski at [bruzewskim@baisd.net](mailto:bruzewskim@baisd.net) for more information.
  - **Building Capacity - Benefits of Common Formative and Summative Assessments** – As we move toward "Common Assessment" for the benefit of tracking student achievement, it would be beneficial for districts to provide training and leadership in this discussion. A \$500.00 stipend will be available for those teachers who attend 5 of 6 meetings (1-2 persons per district, maximum). Please contact Molly Bruzewski at [bruzewskim@baisd.net](mailto:bruzewskim@baisd.net) for more information.
9. **Understanding the Seat Time Waiver as Partners with Genesee ISD** – Salle O'Neill discussed the dynamics of Seat Time Waiver through a PowerPoint from Genesee ISD. The purpose of the Waiver is to 1) expand opportunities for students, 2) increase student enrollment, 3) improve student outcomes, and 4) help with declining funding stream. This opportunity would be for students who have been expelled/suspended, have attendance issues, have social/emotional issues, medical situations, to name a few. The process will be discussed in more detail at the Seat Time Waiver Workshop which will be held on December 8, 2009. Register on-line at [www.baisd.net](http://www.baisd.net) - select professional development, and view by alpha.
10. **Health/PE/Safety** – Pam Sook distributed a Health, Drug and Safety Education Update sheet. Jim Menapace discussed next steps for the Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant. The grant consists of specific objectives that include the following safe school initiatives:
- National Incident Management System Training for key school personnel
  - Development plans for:
    - Infectious disease
    - Food defense
    - Emergency evacuation for students with disabilities
  - Training of appropriate school personnel as it relates to above plans
  - Vulnerability assessments of school buildings
  - Labeling/numbering of exterior doors
  - Updating of emergency supplies ("Go Kits")
  - Development and/or updating of parent communication tools
- Please contact Jim Menapace at [menapacej@baisd.net](mailto:menapacej@baisd.net) for more information.
11. **MME 2009 Student Performance Results** – Lisa Zettle distributed individual district MME 2009 Student Performance Results for Spring 2009.
12. **Implementing Pearson Benchmark at Oakland ISD** – Jim Gullen, Assessment Specialist Oakland ISD, discussed the progress made and lessons learned at Oakland ISD. It is important to start small and not try to move too fast. Everyone has a job; technology,

curriculum support staff and teaching staff all have a role to play. Jim's PowerPoint will be posted at the Curriculum Council web site.

13. **Working groups** – Bay-Arenac ISD districts were invited to stay and participate in decision-making and planning for Pearson Benchmark activities during 09-10. Iosco Districts worked on Data 4 Student Success plan.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: November 17, 2009 at 8:30 a.m.**

Cc: Superintendents

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