



Curriculum Council

August 19, 2009

Meeting Minutes

Present: Roger Anderson, Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Mike Dewey, Terie Elbers, Sue Hoyle, Brian Johnson, Darren Kroczaleski, Gary Marchel, Dave McCloy, Sandy Miner, Allen Pauly, Kim Prime, Randy Schantz, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle

Absent: Ryan Donlan, Linda Engelhardt, Tina Kerr, Michael Knoff, John Mertz, Jennifer Parrish, Doug Trombley

1. **Director Position** – The BAISD Board of Education has approved the hiring of Deb Dunbar as the new Director of Instructional Services. Deb comes to us from Gratiot-Isabella RESD where she was the Associate Superintendent of Instruction. Her expected start date is September 15, 2008.
2. **Curriculum**
 - **Calculator Training** - 41 math teachers representing our districts have registered to take the workshop “Making Algebra Dynamic with Graphing Calculator Technology.” Upon successful completion of this workshop, each participant will receive a Texas Instrument View Screen package to use in their classroom.
 - **Algebra II Workshop** - Bay-Arenac ISD will be hosting the workshop “Algebra II - Training for High School Teachers.” The overall purpose of this year long training is to prepare high school teachers for the new Michigan High School Content Expectations and the New High School Reform, as all students are now required to take Algebra I and Algebra II. This training, led by Dr. Gary John’s of Saginaw State University, will be held monthly from September – April. For more information please visit <http://www.baisd.net/cw.htm>.

Algebra II Dates	
September 26, 2008	January 16, 2009
October 17, 2008	February 20, 2009
November 21, 2008	March 20, 2009
December 12, 2008	April 17, 2009

- **Chemistry Workshop** – Bay-Arenac ISD will be hosting the workshop “Meeting the NEW Graduation Requirements for High School Chemistry.” The overall purpose of this year long training is to assist high school chemistry teachers in delivering the Michigan High School Content Expectations. Participants will practice and discuss a more diversified delivery and assessment system that will be geared to ALL learners. This

training will be led by Dr. Bill Welch, a retired chemistry teacher, whose background includes: Chemistry Teacher, AP Chemistry Teacher, ISD Science Consultant, and Writer and Editor for MDE Clarification Document in Chemistry. For more information please visit <http://www.baisd.net/cw.htm>. Dates are as follows:

Chemistry Dates	
September 24, 2008	January 14, 2009
October 15, 2008	February 18, 2009
November 12, 2008	March 18, 2009
December 10, 2008	April 15, 2009

- **Social Studies** – Erika Rupert in Instructional Services has been reviewing the Social Studies document for final spelling, grammar and punctuation changes. Implementation of the Social Studies Curriculum has been put on hold until Deb Dunbar is on board. We will keep you informed of any progress.
3. **Summer School** – Mike Dewey asked council how summer school went in their individual districts. Most districts stated that the summer programs were a success due a condensed schedule and quicker assessments.
 4. **Contracted Staffing for next year** – Below is a list of staff that is returning next year.

Subject	Days	Contract Person
ELA (K-2)	70	Barb Peters
ELA (3-12)	60	Jan Sopczynski
Math	45	Sue Hoyle
New Teacher Training	12	Barb Peters
Response to Intervention	60	Barb Peters
Chemistry	15	Dr. Bill Welch

5. **SVSU Math Science Center** – Dave McCloy distributed a packet of information. Included in the packet was the red resource guide.
 - The draft K-7 science GLCE companion documents have been completed and are ready for review at <http://mi-k7science.wikispaces.com/> from August 15 – September 20, 2008. You can view without signing up, but you will need to establish an account at wikispaces and request membership for each wikispace site to add comments to the discussion tabs. You may wish to have your account set up prior to the actual review.
 - The Math and Science Center is wrapping up their summer programs. The center had 16 Math and Science workshops, 254 teacher participants, 2 Summer Camps for Kids (SMEK) with 120 student participants.
 - For more information please visit <http://www.svsu.edu/mathsci-center/home.html> or contact Dave McCloy directly at (989) 964-4114 or dmcclroy@svsu.edu.
6. **Assessment System/Data Warehouse** – Lisa Zettle from Bay-Arenac ISD was introduced to council as the new Application Support Specialist for the Assessment System/Data Warehouse project. Prior to accepting the position, she worked for at BAISD as a Computer Technician. Lisa can be reached at 667.3235 or zettle@baisd.net.

- **Assessment System**– Bay-Arenac ISD has ended their working relationship with STI Assessments. Throughout the summer, concerns were expressed to STI that there were four major requirements needed before the system would work for BAISD and their districts. After many conference calls and emails, the decision was made to discontinue the relationship with STI. Below is a list of the major concerns.
 1. When will the grade level/high school content expectations be loaded on the “front end” of the STI website? *(After they were finally loaded so that we could “see them”, Lisa Zettle compared them to the State Standards and they were incomplete.)*
 2. Student number and UIC number must be part of all data that can be exported. *(Their answer was to “put in an enhancement request” and if the programmers found it necessary, they would do it.)*
 3. There is no way to identify class periods when accessing classes. (i.e. A teacher who has 6 classes of ninth grade English must scroll through all of the classes to find a certain class period.) We are already sending you course & section number, per your request. When can we add a period field so that teachers can identify their classes more easily? *(Their answer was to “put in an enhancement request” and if the programmers found it necessary, they would do it.)*
 4. A template is forthcoming from STI for us to upload student data. In what format are you going to be requesting this info? (I.e. csv, pipe delimited, ASCII, etc.) Programming on our end needs to be done and we would like to do this before school starts. Should Jan Helie contact Al Wood and work with him? *(A template was never received.)*

Pinnacle Analytic (our data warehouse system) has an assessment program that was not available when the original RFP was submitted. Curriculum Council agreed to view this new program. A meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 5, at 2:00 p.m. Please contact Lisa Zettle at 667.3235 or zettl@baisd.net if you can attend this meeting.

- **Data Warehouse** – Matt Ayotte from Excelsior/Pinnacle Analytic met with BAISD to go over the implementation schedule. The SQL server has been installed. Lisa has contacted some districts for sample data to download. Lisa has also been in contact with another ISD that is currently working with software and is planning on visiting them to learn more about Pinnacle. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lisa Zettle at 667.3235 or zettl@baisd.net.

7. Miscellaneous -

- **Title I** – Michele Sandro is our new Education Consultant for the Consolidated Application. She can be contacted at 517.373.6343 or sandrom@michigan.gov.
- **Allied Health Wing** – The grand opening of new Allied Health Wing at the Career Center is scheduled for Sunday, September 14 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please join us.
- **Advanced School Law Class** – Mike Dewey has been in contact with SVSU to offer an Advanced School Law Class, winter term of this year. Watch for more information to come.

- **Target Special Ed PD** – It was requested that BAISD Special Education look into offering professional development for teachers so that goals align with GLCE's. Randy Schantz will research this.
- **Alternative Energy Grant** - Bay-Arenac ISD is one of three ISDs that received a \$75,000 grant for Alternative Energy exploration. Mike Dewey has been in contact with Delta College to partner with us. Watch for more information to come.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 16, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.

Cc: Superintendents

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