



# Curriculum Council

## November 18, 2008

### Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Roger Anderson, Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Mike Dewey, Terie Elbers, Brian Johnson, Gary Marchel, Dave McCloy, John Mertz, Sandy Miner, Randy Schantz, Pam Sook, Mike Vieau Lisa Zettle

**Absent:** Molly Bruzewski, Linda Engelhardt, Tina Kerr, Michael Knoff, Darren Kroczaleski, Jennifer Parrish, Allen Pauly, Kim Prime, Doug Trombley,

1. **Personal Curriculum** – The topic of personal curriculum was discussed. Each district described what stage of development they were in. There is an urgent need to create a personal curriculum policy at the ISD level so that the districts within the ISD all have the same standards, and parents/students do not shop around for the best deal. A subcommittee was formed that will make a recommendation on what the cut scores should be ISD wide and create a plan to recommend to the curriculum council. The first subcommittee meeting date and time will be emailed to those who volunteered. Subcommittee volunteers are:

Doug Trombley  
Brian Johnson  
Randy Schantz  
Allen Pauly  
Roger Anderson  
Shawn Bishop  
Mike Vieau  
Deb Dunbar

During the meeting, Mike Dewey contacted Diane MacMillan from MDE to clarify some of the items that were communicated at a Personal Curriculum workshop that was held at Apple Mountain earlier in the month. Some of the items that were clarified were

- a) The IEP supports the personal curriculum it doesn't trump the personal curriculum.
- b) If a child has a disability in math, that child would not be able to have a personal curriculum in English.
- c) The math personal curriculum has to be based on *what is practicable to learn* of the Michigan Merit Curriculum.

Mark Westerburg from Spring Lake Schools was contacted via conference call to discuss how Spring Lake Public School is handling the personal curriculum process. One way Spring Lake Schools dealt with the new tougher Michigan Merit requirements was by going to Trimesters. Because of scope and sequence, students at Spring Lake have 5 blocks of science by the time they are juniors. (Biology A & B, Intro. to Chemistry, Intro. to Physics, and Earth Science) Below is a sample of the most common math sequence path. They do not expect a lot of requests for personal curriculums, but any requests will be held at the principal level.

	Fall	Winter	Spring
9 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Algebra 1 A	Algebra 1 B	Repeating all failures Must get a C+ or repeat Algebra 1B
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Algebra 2 A	Algebra 2 B	
11 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Geometry A	Geometry B	
12 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Trig. A or other math	Trig B. or other math	

2. **Curriculum -**

- Social Studies Working Group will be meeting on Thursday, November 20, 2008 to discuss the Social Studies roll out plan.
- Michigan Mathematics Improvement (MMPI) Training is designed to help teachers improve their mathematics program and to meet AYP targets. It is focused on special education and general education teachers of students grades K-7. Bev Skinner, Deb Dunbar and Roger Anderson met with Chuck Allan to discuss this opportunity for our region. If Bay-Arenac ISD is selected, \$25,000 from the statewide grant would be devoted to training teachers in our region. Dr. Allan will select the 2008-2009 sites in December/January.
- Civics Content and Instructional Strategies Training 5-12 Grade Civics Teachers workshop will take place on December 11, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at BAISD. The purpose of this training is to provide middle school U.S. history teachers and high school civics teachers, high quality resources coupled with effective instructional strategies from the Center for Civic Education.
- Hillsdale Educational Publishers – This publisher specializes in books and educational materials about Michigan for grades K-12. For more information please visit: [www.hillsdalepublishers.com](http://www.hillsdalepublishers.com).
- Revisit Curriculum Cycle – This topic will be discussed at the next curriculum council meeting.

3. **Professional Development -**

- Special Ed Highly Qualified – Bay-Arenac ISD will be hosting a Highly Qualified Special Education workshop for teachers featuring Frank Ciloski and Linda Keway from MEA. This workshop will help answer any questions teachers may have about this process. The workshop is scheduled for Monday, November 24, 4:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. at the BAISD Educational Service Center. *(Note 11/26: This workshop was cancelled by the presenters due to travel conditions in Lansing. It will be rescheduled after Jan 1)*
- **January 29, 2008** – The professional development day on January was discussed briefly. Registration for that day will be handled at the building level and principals will be asked to help sign in their staff that morning or designate a staff member to attend the table for them.
- **Guided School Improvement Series for Winter/Spring 2009** – please watch for more information to come.

4. **Data Warehouse Project -**

Lisa Zettle presented the current status of the data warehouse through a PowerPoint presentation. Lisa will start training key personal from Bangor in January with other districts immediately following beginning with Bay City and Pinconning. It was suggested that a list serve be set up as the process moves forward to communicate needs and concerns of the data warehouse. The following training schedule was set up for 08-09:

# BAISD Data Warehouse Tentative Implementation Plan

Implementation Plan	Date	Group
Logins created for each district	Dec. 1-2, 2008	
Review/Debug Current Years Data for Districts	Dec. 3–19, 2008	Curriculum Council
Rollout Data Warehouse to Districts	Jan. 6-16, 2009	Bangor Township Schools
	Jan. 19-30, 2009	Bay City Public Schools
	Feb. 2-13, 2009	Pinconning Area Schools
	Feb. 16-27, 2009	Essexville Hampton Schools
	Mar. 2-13, 2009	Standish Sterling Schools
	Mar. 16-27, 2009	Arenac Eastern Schools
	April 6-17, 2009	Augres-Sims Schools
	April 20-30, 2009	Bay Arenac Community High
	May 4-15, 2009	Bay County PSA

5. **Assessment System report** – The following vendors responded to the RFP for the Student Assessment System. They are listed alphabetically by vendor name. Five companies were invited to present their product. (companies with asterisk) Edutek/Examview was selected as the #1 choice with Pearson Benchmark as #2 choice. Jim Seasley of Edutek will be invited back for a more in-depth demonstration and for an opportunity for local districts to bring additional team members in to view the presentation and ask questions.

American Education Corporation  
Compass Learning  
Computerized Assessments & Learning (CAL)  
\*Datawise, Inc.\*  
\*Edutek Midwest\*  
Excelsior Software, Inc.  
\*Pearson\*  
\*Performance Pathways\*  
Quizdom  
\*Riverside Publishing\*  
Scantron Corporation  
Vantage Learning

6. SVSU – Dave McCloy gave an update on the SVSU Math Science Center.
- The companion documents for K-7 Science are currently undergoing review and editing.
  - Podcasts are available on the K-7 companion documents at two different sites. 1) <http://science.resa.net> or 2) [http://blackboard.resa.net/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab\\_id= 87\\_1](http://blackboard.resa.net/webapps/portal/frameset.jsp?tab_id= 87_1)
  - MSTA Annual Conference will be held on March 6 & 7, 2009 in Detroit. For more information and to register please visit <http://www.msta-mich.org>

- Inquiry In Instruction Workshop – This two day high school mathematics and professional development training will take place at SVSU on Friday, February 20, 2009 and Friday, March 20, 2009. You must attend both full day sessions. Space is limited. Registration is done by phone only at 989.964.4114.
- Winter SMEK is scheduled for February 7, 2009 and is geared toward students in grades 2-8. Please watch for more information to come.
- The MEEMIC New Teacher Support/MSTA Conference is scheduled for March 6-7, 2009 please visit. <http://www.msta-mich.org/> for more information.

7. Miscellaneous –

- A health survey was sent out to all high school and middle school Physical Education Teachers and Health Teachers. This survey will help Pam Sook provide the services needed by our districts.
- A Prescription/Over-the-Counter Drug Abuse Summit will be held on Friday, March 27, 2009 at Michigan State University, Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center. The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is launching a statewide initiative to combat prescription and over-the-counter drug abuse in Michigan. Further information and registration materials will follow at a later date.
- The Michigan Department of Education (MDE) and Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) offering a grant opportunity for the following:
  - School Based/Linked Clinical Health Centers
  - Alternative Clinical Health Centers
  - Planning Grants to start new Clinical or Alternative Health Centers
 Application can be downloaded from the MDCH website at [www.michigan.gov/cahc](http://www.michigan.gov/cahc) or at MDE website at [www.michigan.gov/cshsp](http://www.michigan.gov/cshsp). General questions regarding this process can be sent to Taggart Doll, CAHC Program Coordinator, at [dollt@michigan.gov](mailto:dollt@michigan.gov).

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

Cc: Superintendents

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