



# Curriculum Council September 16, 2008 Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Roger Anderson, Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Mike Dewey, Terie Elbers, Linda Engelhardt, Brian Johnson, Darren Kroczaleski, John Mertz, Sandy Miner, Jennifer Parrish, Allen Pauly, Doug Trombley, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle

**Absent:** Ryan Donlan, Tina Kerr, Michael Knoff, Gary Marchel, Dave McCloy, Kim Prime, Randy Schantz,

1. **Director Position** – Deborah Dunbar, Director of Instructional Services, introduced herself. She comes to us from Gratiot Isabella RESD where she has spent the last several years. She will be scheduling appointments to meet with each district to determine your needs.

2. **Curriculum**

- **Algebra II Workshop** – There are currently 14 teachers registered for the Algebra II Workshop led by Gary Johns, professor at SVSU. Please make sure all of your teachers register as soon as possible at <http://www.baisd.net/cw.htm>. This workshop begins Friday, September 26, 2008 and meets monthly until April 2009. **Please make sure all registered teachers request their substitute teachers early.** Bay-Arenac ISD will not be reimbursing districts for sub costs.
- **Chemistry Workshop** – There are currently 13 teachers registered for the Chemistry Workshop led by Dr. Bill Welch. Please make sure all of your Chemistry teachers register as soon as possible at <http://www.baisd.net/cw.htm>. This workshop begins Wednesday, September 24, 2008 and meets monthly until April 2009. **Please make sure all registered teachers request their substitute teachers early.** Bay-Arenac ISD will not be reimbursing districts for sub costs.
- **Social Studies** – Erika Rupert in Instructional Services has been reviewing the Social Studies document for final spelling, grammar and punctuation changes. The curriculum will be placed on the intranet by Friday, September 19, 2008. The general consensus was that there is a need for a Social Studies Consultant to help with implementation of the curriculum. Bay-Arenac ISD will work on securing a consultant. Each district was asked how many hard copies and CDs they would like of the curriculum. The following are the responses. Please email Jill Bialek at [bialekj@baisd.net](mailto:bialekj@baisd.net) if you have any additions or subtractions to this order.

District	CDs	Hard Copies
Arenac Eastern	4	1

AuGres	TBD	TBD
Bangor	TBD	TBD
BACHS	3	
Bay City	250	2
BCPSA	1	
Essexville	12	1
Pinconning	8	5
Standish-Sterling	60	TBD

3. **Data Warehouse Project -**

- Data Warehouse – Lisa Zettle continues to work with the data warehouse. CMT has been contacted to write a program that will export data nightly to the warehouse. Lisa will be visiting Kalamazoo RESA on Friday, September 19. She will be sitting in on a user’s group meeting as well as meeting with KRESA staff to review their product.
- Assessment System – Matt Ayotte from Excelsior/Pinnacle Analytic gave in overview of the new assessment product from Excelsior. It was decided that the product was too new and didn’t have enough test bank questions to warrant investigating further. Brian Johnson requested that we contact Kent ISD to ask them what system they are using. An RFP will be published with a deadline of mid October for any bids. Council would like to revisit the Pearson product as well as any other products that might be currently in use in Michigan.
- A request was made to take a look at the CIMS student side to determine if there would be a different product that would better suit our needs.

4. **MDE/NCA School Improvement Updates** – The Fall School Improvement Conference is scheduled for November 24-25. Deb Dunbar stated that Gratiot-Isabella offered a “Guided School Improvement” series last year. It was well received and over 100 people attended. Is this something that we should offer at for Bay-Arenac ISD districts?

The Education Yes window for 2008-2009 is October 1 – February 17. Would districts be interested in having dates scheduled so that districts could come and work on their plans? Bay-Arenac ISD will schedule these events.

5. **SVSU Math Science Center Update** - Dave McCloy was not present at the meeting. He will update Council in October.

6. **Miscellaneous** –

- **Health Coordinator** – The Health Coordinator position has been posted. Pam Sook, Health Educator from Gratiot-Isabella will be interviewed. She would bring a wealth of knowledge to Bay-Arenac ISD. Curriculum Council will be informed of any developments as they arise.
- **Curriculum Consultant** – Bay-Arenac ISD hopes to contract with a curriculum expert for the remainder of 2008-2009.
- **MEAP Analysis** – Deb Dunbar presented a MEAP analysis book that was created for districts within Gratiot-Isabella. This book allows districts to compare themselves with other districts and creates conversations and opportunities to learn from each other. She

questioned council if this would be something that the ISD could do for them. The council responded with a favorable response.

- **Technology** – BAISD technology continues to look at ways to improve the fiber network. A job posting for a Network Engineer for BAISD has been posted.
- **Alternative Energy Grant** – The Career Center is working on a \$225,000 alternative energy grant in partnership with Huron and Tuscola ISD.

**NEXT MEETING DATE: October 21, 2008 at 8:30 a.m.**

Cc: Superintendents

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