



Curriculum Council February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Christine Beardsley, Jill Bialek, Shawn Bishop, Molly Bruzewski, Deb Dunbar, Brian Johnson, Dave McCloy, Jennifer Parrish, Allen Pauly, Rhonda Provoast, Beverly Skinner, Pam Sook, Doug Trombley, Don Vernon, Mike Vieau, Lisa Zettle

Absent: Jamie Cain, Carla Derocher, Anne Doriean, Terie Elbers, Linda Engelhardt, Michael Knoff, Darren Kroczaleski, Ted Matuszak, Sandy Miner, Kim Prime, Chad Zeien

1. **Welcome and overview of agenda** – Introductions were made – one addition to the agenda was made. Deb will meet immediately following the meeting to briefly discuss Ed-Yes, Guided School Improvement, Title I and how it all works together.
2. **SVSU Updates** – Dave McCloy provided an overview of the happenings at the SVSU Math and Science Center. For further information please visit www.svsu.edu/math-scicenter. Or email Dave McCloy at mcclloyd@svsu.edu.
3. **Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Information** – Pat Barkell discussed the peer mentoring program; a program that is set up as an elective for students. Students are paired with other students with disabilities to help mentor them in their school studies. Pat Barkell would like to start this program in our schools. Please contact her for more information at barkellp@baisd.net.
4. **MiBlisi applications for 2010-11** – Pat Barkell gave an overview of *Michigan's Integrated Behavior and Learning Support Initiative* (MiBLSi) grant which is designed to help schools develop school-wide support systems in reading and behavior. There are currently 3 buildings that have this grant and applications for 2010 -2011 are due May 1, 2010. For more information please visit www.miblisi.cenmi.org or contact Pat Barkell at barkellp@baisd.net or Noel Eichhorn at noleichhorn@chartermi.net.
5. **Tall Ship Opportunity for Summer 2010** – Don Clark from Bay City Public Schools spoke regarding the tall ship celebration that is coming to this summer to Bay City. A writing contest will be offered to high school students, with the theme yet to be determined. The deadline to submit a complete writing packet will be May 7, 2010. Contest winners will be notified on/before June 5, 2010. Please look for details to come!
6. **Certificate of Completion** – Molly provided an overview of draft documents that the certificate of completion working group created. Each district provided an overview of their districts views.
 - Arenac Eastern – Has not gone to the board yet regarding Certificate of Completion.
 - AuGres-Sims – AuGres-Sims has utilized a tool in that tracks the state graduation requirements by student.
 - Bangor – Bangor will offer Certificate of Completion based on graduation requirements prior to the new Michigan Merit Curriculum
 - Bay City – At this time will not be awarding Certificate of Completions.
 - Essexville – Essexville-Hampton has certificate of completion already for IEP students. Essexville's intent of the Certificate of Completion is that this is an alternative to dropping out of school.

- Pinconning - Pinconning will offer a Certificate of Completion, but at this time they don't know which students will be eligible.
7. **Personal Curriculum/Certificate of Completion Updates** – Salle O'Neill gave the Curriculum Council an update regarding the latest recommendations/updates on the Personal Curriculum from the Michigan Department of Education. Additional information regarding the armed forces and the "certificate of completion" was also shared.
8. **Curriculum –**
- Review of the 5 year cycle – Molly reviewed the 5 year curriculum cycle; reviewed the work that has been done in 2009-2010 to date; and where the curriculum cycle should go in the future. Council discussed the current alignment and development process being used which affords a customized approach for districts. There has been a positive response to this process and districts would like to continue using it. Please contact Molly Bruzewski at bruzewskim@baisd.net to schedule your district for the 2010-11 school year. Molly will be training additional content consultants in the curriculum process.
 - World Language Requirement - The World Language Michigan Merit Curriculum and other documents were distributed. The World Language teachers have requested a meeting to be hosted by Bay-Arenac ISD on March 2, 2010.
 - Macomb ISD will be hosting a workshop on April 28, 2010 titled – NEW Michigan World Language Requirement: Developing Authentic Assessments in Spanish and French. This session is designed to describe the elements of a Novice-high proficiency assessment.
 - Job Skill Technology, Inc. (JST, Inc.) – Gary Kughn demonstrated the on-line world languages programs available at JST, Inc. For more information visit www.jstinc.com or contact Gary Kughn at 800.783.5780 or gkuhn@jstinc.com.
9. **Professional Development –**
- February 1 – The survey results were distributed. Comments were overall positive. The next Professional Development day is scheduled for February 7, 2011.
 - **Walk Through Training** –This four day training beginning April 8, 2010 will provide administrators with:
 - a. Rationale for WTs and the research supporting them.
 - b. Best practice tips for preparing, conducting, and processing WTs.
 - c. Pitfalls to avoid in the WT flow chart.
 - d. Practice in data collection and reporting techniques.
 - e. Assignments to practice at school, then return to our group to debrief WT experiences.
 Visit: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/showcourse.asp?931> for more information on this workshop.
 - **Haberman Training** – This workshop on April 12, 2010, prepares an interview team with tools, resources and a process to select the best teachers for your school district. For more information visit: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/showcourse.asp?932>
 - 21st Century Institute - This summer Institute will integrate the best of teaching methodology through Great Expectations®, effective assessment practices and 21st Century skills. For more information visit: <http://www.solutionwhere.com/baisd/cw/showcourse.asp?936> or contact Molly Bruzewski at bruzewskim@baisd.net.
10. **Technology/REMC -**
- REMC is in the process of reviewing a new digital streaming company called Learn 360. Learn 360 is a more up-to date service which is user friendly and also ½ price of United Streaming.

- PD 360 – PD 360 is an on-demand library of professional teacher development resources that leverages technology to make professional learning more effective, convenient, and sustainable. For a free trial - visit <http://www.schoolimprovement.com>
 - 8th Grade Tech Assessment update –A new tech assessment based on the new METs standards will be available next year.
11. **Pearson Benchmark** – Pearson is unveiling a new product called Learnia. Tom Siegel will be here in March to present this assessment for learning platform from Pearson. More details to follow.
 12. **MACUL Conference** – The MACUL conference will be held on March 10-12 at the DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, MI. A team from Bay-Arenac ISD will be present on the Data Warehouse.
 13. **Health, Drug and Safety Education Update** – Pam Sook distributed a health, drug and safety education update. A memorandum from the Michigan Department of Community Health communicating the new school immunization requirements for 2010-2011 was distributed.
 14. **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.

NEXT MEETING DATE: April 20, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

Cc: Superintendents

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