

Curriculum Coordinating Committee Meeting Minutes

SAC:CCC

Date: 3/25/09

Members Present: Becky Brungardt, Terry Phoenix, Ellen Marlin, Gwen Simmons, Tammy Thomas, Deanna Myers, Mary Meyers, Sally Bruce, Connie Myers, Rex Bruce, Cesar Pena, Risa Leonard Stevens

Members not attending: Matt Ziegler, Andy Short, Bernie Leverett

The meeting was called to order by Coordinator Risa Leonard Stevens. It was the consensus of the CCC members to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the last meeting due to several items on the agenda.

Mr. Bruce reported that the state budget has not been decided. He also discussed the calendar for 2009-2010. There will most likely be no universal staff in-service before school begins. The calendar will show two half days and two full days of in-service in place of the early release days that the district presently has. Mr. Bruce also included that the Technology Sac has surveyed the certified staff and would be able to provide help with in house training. This would be budget beneficial.

Connie Myers, Elementary principal updated the CCC on the Kansas State Reading Assessment results. She commended the efforts of all 3-6th graders and their teachers. She also told the members that the Math assessment would be postponed until April 21-23 and the Writing assessment would be cancelled for this year. These are special accommodations from the state department out of respect to the students and faculty in regard to the death of Cristian Gonzalez. Connie thanked Sally for her diligence. Connie also reported that there will be instructional changes in the fall of 2009 as the 4th grade will become a self contained classroom. She also discussed a few daily schedule changes that should provide more assistance and support to students and classroom teachers.

Sally Bruce then reported on the continuing State Assessment schedule. The middle school will finish their Math and Science testing. The high

school will complete Writing, Social Studies and Science. She again, reviewed the various guidelines that will be followed during the testing times. The high school is contemplating looking at the Fall/Spring Kansas Math Assessment in place of spring only for OTL.

Risa asked that the committee discuss valuable ways to assess the district's collective data. It was the consensus of the CCC that comparing scores from year to year is excellent for a teachers self evaluation, however, to really glean information on student progress the district should begin to look at student's individual progress from year to year. With that in mind, she shared a graph depicting the Elementary State Reading Assessment scores for 3rd through 6th grades. The data collected showed how students scored from each consecutive year of testing. Then the members discussed information they could gain from these graphs. Data presented in this way compares growth for each particular grade level from year to year instead of comparing classes. The members agreed that data represented in this format was more informative than in past collections.

Risa also shared the updated Long Range Plan. Mr. Bruce suggested that we tweak so that we do not have content areas adopting textbooks in the same year. Risa will make the changes. The members approved that the plan go from 5 year to 7 year. Risa concluded the meeting by adding that each curricular committee would be given the opportunity to review the School Improvement Plan and make suggestions for improvements, additions or deletions. As the School Improvement Plan continues to be a teacher driven document, the teams from the middle, high and elementary schools would review and make final decisions for the 2009-2010 school year. These revisions will be shared hopefully before school closes this year.

Meeting adjourned 4:30 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Risa Leonard Stevens