

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

March 11, 2019

MINUTES

Attendees: Jeff Cook, Michelle Kocar, Kristen Plageman, Steven Vaughn, Ava Yeager

Secondary Curriculum – Jeff Cook

- Master Schedule update
 - Jeff Cook and Kristen Plageman met with secondary staff and the preliminary numbers are up slightly
 - Student numbers haven't gone up so students choosing to take more elective classes
- Summer School update
 - Yolanda Pettigrew was chosen as principal (pending board approval)
 - Summer school will run from June 24th through July 26th
 - Classes start at 8:30 am and end at 11:30 am – Monday through Friday (Off week of July 4th)
 - Classes are online – daily attendance is NOT required
 - Students must take all tests in class with teacher present

Elementary Curriculum – Michelle Kocar

- K-5 Curriculum work
 - K-4 ELA team met last week & Grade 5 the week before
 - K-4 revisited Pearson Ready Gen and discovered that it really is just re-packaged Reading Street and is NOT what the district is looking for – materials eligible to be reviewed in addition to Pearson Ready Gen:
 - The Super Kids Reading Program by Zaner Bloser
 - Into Reading by Houghton Mifflin – Amy Szeremet is putting together blank rubrics to move forward with review at tomorrow's ELA meeting
 - Scholastic has a program that K-5 ELA team is interested in but they are NOT on the ODE approved Textbook Vendor list
 - In order to be considered for adoption the textbook vendor must be on the ODE approved list
 - Therefore the goal of having Board approval by the first of May could be a problem
 - K-4 Math team met and created common assessments through Edulastic
 - There were some glitches – this was expected since the program is new this year
 - Perhaps not all teacher information was shared with Jake Cornish
 - K-5 Science team met last week to work on curriculum maps
 - It was discovered that there are some prematurely revised curriculum maps being implemented this year by some (maybe all) grade 5 science teachers using 2018 standards
 - We are currently using 2010 standards – therefore this could be an issue for spring testing
 - Michelle Kocar sent an email to all teachers and principals addressing this and suggesting ways to correct the issue
- Gifted updates
 - Megan Kinney is still managing all compliance meetings - in order to be able to count the gifted students as being served teachers must meet the minimum PD hours set by the state
- TGRG updates
 - Michelle Kocar is working on the list of students to be invited to summer school
 - Per fall scores there are 155 students that qualify (will need to cross reference winter scores)
 - Estimate that there will be 75-100 students who will receive summer school invitations – on average 40% of students will attend

- Camp Invention
 - One week at Pleasant Valley – June 3rd – June 7th
 - Megan Kinney hired as Director – because this position overlaps with her current position, the Camp Invention organization will reimburse the district for her stipend
 - Michelle Kocar will meet with HR & Treasurer to work out details
 - If 70 students register will then hire an Assistant Director (Allison Kokely)
- Summer School update
 - Terry Caskey was chosen as principal (pending board approval)
- Branching Minds
 - Michelle Kocar shared data showing how this is being used
 - Some teachers are using it for Intervention, some for family communication
 - Pleasant Valley currently has 69 student intervention plans
 - Thoreau Park is using it for on-site surveys – which allows art teachers, PE teachers to have input in regard to student plans without attending meetings

Career & Technical – Kristen Plageman

- Young Entrepreneurs’ Day & Market Place
 - April 6, 2019 at Normandy High School
 - 80 3rd – 6th grade students signed up
 - 9:45am – Senior Marketing Students judging the displays
 - Market Place will have different items for sale (3D printed keychains, Mother’s Day baskets, etc.)
 - Senior pictures for yearbook only will also be available
 - Sales are cash only and the Gear Up Program is handling transactions

Federal Programs – Ava Yeager

- McGraw Hill “Success Stories” interviews
 - Title 1 uses Reading Mastery by McGraw Hill
 - According to available data our students are showing great progress
 - McGraw Hill will be coming to the district to interview teachers
- Every Drop Counts math remediation/STEM hour in water conservation at Greenbriar and Hillside through April 11th (Funded through the competitive Cox Charities grant written by Ava Yeager)
 - Program meets twice a week for 2 hours after school – main focus is math with some STEM
 - Cox has been to buildings for interviews
- Water Mania held April 9th at Hillside & April 11th at Greenbriar
 - Culminating event for Every Drop Counts
- OLEPA testing
 - Runs now through March 31st – testing is online