

Curriculum Committee Meeting
Agenda
December 11, 2017
5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Dr. Melissa Varley, Charles Shanley, Linda Rozek, Yvonne Cali, Christy O'Connor, & Brian Silkensen

Curriculum:

1. December Conferences Feedback
 - We have offered 100% opportunity for a time slot for conferences.
 - 4-5 offered before and after conference dates during team times. Additional day for conferences with coverage.
 - 6-8 offered conference time slot after the conferences.
 - Quotes from parents:
 - i. "The teachers were professional and they had data to show us the strengths and weaknesses of our child."
 - ii. "So much information, just too little time."
 - iii. "I feel so good about what the teachers are doing with my child."
 - iv. "Great things are happening here"
2. Report Cards Update
 - The marking period ended Friday, December 8, 2017
 - Report Card will be digitally sent home Friday, December 15, 2017
3. Field Trip Requests
 - Review trips by grade level
4. ELA Update
 - Very positive feedback received from teachers and parents about feedback on students' running records and writing on demands.
 - i. Teachers feel more confident and have reported that while it's a lot of work it's worth it.
 - Report cards and conferences are culmination of 1.5 years of TC training, monthly faculty meetings, and support in team meetings.
 - TC staff development is continuing to start new units of study
 - TC staff development in Briarwood has focused on supporting A and B level readers as a result of data based conferences and teachers request for support.
 - We are continuing to provide support for specific needs of students with the additional support of an extra period of reading for those with multi-sensory needs.
5. Math Update
 - Gathering information on middle school math programs
 - i. Will be scheduling publisher presentation after winter break
 - ii. Meeting with Nancy Schultz in January to discuss middle school math programs
 - Grades 4-8 focused on redesigning the math clock to allow for more student engagement during class
 - Brian has just begun conducting articulation with each grade level to discuss math pre assessments and skills that need additional reinforcement from the previous grade

- Grade 1-3 training covering using bar models and number bonds will begin after winter break.
- 6. STEM update
 - Designing the RMS and BKL STEM labs
 - Mr. Shanley asked about possible grants and described other districts that have received grants and get funding from companies.
 - i. Florham Park applied for the BASF grant; however, did not receive the grant this year. We received the BASF grant in past years.
 - ii. Ridgedale is applying for the Steelcase grant.
 - 1. Steelcase Education seeks partners in active learning who are ready to use their physical classroom space to advance learning in new and important ways.
 - iii. We will be reaching out to community members to gather ideas on how to gain support from local businesses.
 - Each grade level in Brooklake will include:
 - i. Programming
 - ii. Engineering
 - iii. STEM Challenges
- 7. Board Curriculum Goals
 - Dr. Varley will be presenting the update on the Board Goals at the Board Meeting on Monday, December 18, 2017.