

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Notes

January 17, 2017

5:00pm

Board Conference Room

1. Next Generation Science Standards Materials
 - Very few publishers have completed Next Generation Science Standards materials
 - i. We do not want to make a 6 year commitment with a program that may not be fully aligned
 - We are currently using FOSS 2nd Edition
 - i. We will look to update a few FOSS modules to the NGSS to get teacher feedback
 - ii. We have to order two new units because the topics are not covered with the older version of FOSS
 1. Motion and Matter (3rd Grade)
 2. Sound and Light (1st Grade)
2. **Students2Science Virtual Labs**
 - The labs will begin this Monday with Mr. Perruso's 5th Grade Science classes. The 7th Grade science classes will begin their virtual labs in March.
3. World Language Update
 - We received the quotes from Middlebury to include the online live instructor. This will provide 6th Graders the opportunity to take French next year.
4. ELA Update
 - Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop Pilot of New Unit of Study Writing Book: Up the Ladder Narrative Writing
 - Teachers are starting their third unit of reading workshop.
 - Current goal for staff is to support transfer and understand that skills do not only happen in isolation but that it's important for teachers

and students to reinforce these skills in other subject areas. The current cycle of faculty meetings is training staff on how to use interactive read alouds to teach into theme, as well as science and social studies lessons. The middle school had a pd session looking at information standards, picking 3 goals for each grade level, and each subject area discussed how they could reinforce these goals.

5. BSI Update

- The current cycle will be closing at the end of this week and students will be reassessed next week.
- The admin team is discussing what to do with students who are not complying to intervention since students are receiving Project Read, Reading Workshop, and LLI. At this point students are being brought to I&RS.

6. Math Update

- Mid-year assessments are being completed
- Middle School Teachers will have a professional development day to track the growth of their students, compare results to the PARCC results, and identify the most at risk students to determine an action plan to address the neediest students
- We will share our action plan and areas of concern with Nancy Schultz to gain her input and advice for addressing the needs

7. mSGP data

- We received the mSGP scores from the state. Data will be sent to OASYS by Friday to get the teachers end of year score from the 2016-2017 school year.

8. District Evaluation Advisory Committee's Survey Results

- OASYS
 - i. Positive feedback on the new platform. (Easier to use)
- SGO & PDP Feedback
 - i. Timelines have been clearly communicated with multiple reminders
 - ii. Create a library of SGOs for multiple subjects
 - 1. Help new teachers with SGO ideas and concrete examples (State has very few examples)

- iii. Suggestion is to add more time with new teacher meetings to review SGOs

9. IA/Tech

- It will be \$38,000 to continue the woodworking portion of the I/A Tech class. We reach out to other districts and could only find one school that currently has woodworking in the middle school.
- We are looking at the possibility to revamp the IA/Tech class to be a STEM based class and put the \$38,000 into creating the STEM class.

10. Superintendents Meeting

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 - i. A parent questioned the Tech Programs in the K-2
 1. We currently use a coding program called Scratch
 2. Brian will look into this concern.
- Mr. Shanley expressed his concern that we are not involved with the Junior National Honors Society. This prestigious award would help students get into schools and other programs.
 - i. We have added the Junior National Honors Society to our agenda next week at our Middle School Meeting.

