

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Notes

October 16, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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

Curriculum:

1. Approve the adoption of the Too Good For Drugs curriculum by the Menendez Foundation for the 6th Grade DARE program.
 - Website that reviews the research of the program
2. October 9, 2017 In-service
 - K-2 NGSS Training with Stevens Institute
 - i. Engineering Integration for Elementary Grades, Connections with FOSS
 - 3-5 NGSS Training with Stevens Institute
 - i. Engineering Integration for Elementary Grades, Connections with FOSS
 - 6-8 NGSS Training
 - STEM edcamp at Lincoln Park Middle School
 - i. STEM, Media Center, Art Teachers participated
 - Phys. Ed & Health edcamp in Lebanon Township
 - ALICE Training for all secretaries, and aides
 - i. Creating a SafeSchools Course with the video of the training
 1. For substitutes and new staff hires
 - Grade 4-8 Math Articulation and Math Tasks SGO creation
 - i. All Grades 4-8 Math teachers will have an SGO based on Type II & Type III Math Tasks
 - CST Case Managers
 - i. Gary Verriere,(NJDOE) Intervention & Referral Services
 - Grades 4-8 ELA training with Christy O'Connor
 - Nurses
 - i. Community Engagement Symposium: An Upstream Approach to Creating Healthy Community Conversations while Addressing the Opioid Crisis in NJ
 - Related Services
 - i. Related Services Website creation to inform parents of each area
 - Music Teachers
 - i. Music Shop Workshops
 - Pre-school Teachers and Aides
 - i. Restraint Training with Michelle Siebert, behaviorist
 - Resource Room Articulation and Planning
 - Google Training
 - i. World Language, Social Studies, and Secretaries
3. ELA Update
 - October Goals

- i. Writing Workshop - Using on demands to drive instruction and provide students with targeted goals.
 - 1. Teachers are starting their second unit.
 - ii. Reading Workshop - Using running records to drive instruction and provide students with targeted goals.
 - 1. K-5 Reading levels sent home on 10.13
 - 2. Teachers are starting their second unit.
 - o LLI Update
 - i. Briarwood to complete first cycle 10.23
 - ii. Brooklake to start first cycle 10.23
 - iii. Staff has been trained on how to communicate reading levels and goals to parents and contacted prospective BSI parents and had conferences with them prior to notification by Christy regarding their eligibility for the program.
- 4. Grades 4-8 Math Task SGO
 - o <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets>
 - o Grades 4-8 math teachers have the same SGO targeted at Type II and Type III PARCC questions.
 - o **Math Tasks will be conducted on a weekly basis**
- 5. Skype with a Scientist - RMS
 - o Jayme Russo has organized an opportunity to SKYPE with a Scientist from Virginia Commonwealth University with the Integrative Life Sciences.
 - o Grade 6-8 students submitted questions prior to Wednesday, October 18, so that the scientist could answer all of their questions.
- 6. December Conferences Trainings
 - o Christy O'Connor met with each grade level team to discuss how to conference with parents about the running records.
 - o Brian Silkensen is meeting with each grade level to discuss how to use the assessment spreadsheets to discuss the math progress with the parents.
 - o Christy and Brian will create a video to share with teachers that models a parent teacher conference.
- 7. **District Evaluation Advisory Committee Survey**
 - o Curriculum Council members are meeting with grade level teachers to gain feedback on the support they have received in the evaluation process
- 8. Field Trips-too many that are not curriculum based.
 - o Brian Silkensen will meet with the curriculum council on October 25th to review all field trips for this year. We will discuss limits for each grade level to ensure the students do not miss vital instructional time.