

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Agenda

January 16, 2018

5:30 P.M.

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

Curriculum:

1. Field Trip Requests
 - Review trips by grade level
 - Kindergarten and 1st Grade is searching for their 2nd field trip for the school year
 - i. Brian will present options for the teams to pick
 - ii. We are looking for field trips that focus on STEM and NGSS
2. ELA Update
 - Honors ELA Criteria
 - i. In order to improve transparency, decrease subjectivity and help students achieve their best with clear and attainable goals, criteria for acceptance into High School Honors program. This criteria was created with collaboration with the 8th grade English department, Curriculum Supervisors, and building level administration.
 - TC Benchmark
 - i. Mid-year assessments are being administered to monitor student growth and progress.
 - At the in-service on Friday, we had a Literary Essay and PARCC Literary Analysis professional development.
3. Math Update
 - Upcoming Middle School Math Program Presentations
 - i. First two weeks of February
 - ii. We are calling in 5 math programs
 1. The publishers have already sent out samples of the programs for us to view prior to the presentations.
 - iii. Mr. Shanley inquired about what districts we have communicated with and asked if we spoke to our math consultants, Denis Sheeran and Nancy Schultz about what they recommend.
 1. Gathering information on middle school math programs (Link has programs and feedback from them on the math programs they are using)
 2. Denis Sheeran recommended Big Ideas and Connected Mathematics 3.
 3. Brian will meet with Nancy Schultz during the Briarwood Conquer Mathematics training in January to discuss the middle school programs she recommends.
 - Benchmark Assessments for Math
 - i. We have one more presentation from Math Inventory from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt.
 - ii. We had an online math benchmark assessment presentation in December from MAP Growth from NWEA

4. STEM update

- Summer STEM Camps
 - i. Proyecto Summer Camp at East Hanover Middle School
 - 1. Program for upcoming 8th Grade students
 - 2. Rigorous summer camp:
 - a. Courses: Algebra, Biology I: Life Science, Physics I, Computer Science, and Bottle Rockets Competition.
 - ii. Liberty Science Center's Summer Science Camp
 - 1. The district sent notification all K-7 parents about the Science Summer Camp on Friday, January 19th. The first day of registration is Monday, January 22.
 - iii. CodeREV Tech Summer Camp
 - 1. We are looking into the possibility of having CodeREV Tech Summer Camp at Ridgedale Middle School this summer.

5. Right at School

- Dr. Varley is researching the Right at School before and after-school enrichment program. Mrs. Cali mentioned that her school district uses the program and she had positive experiences with the program.