

Waunakee Board of Education

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Date: Monday, November 24, 2008

Time: 8:00 am

Location: Teaching & Learning Center (101 School Dr.)

Meeting called to order at 8:00 am by Chairperson Peggy Hill-Breunig.

Agenda approved 3-0

Members present: Peggy Hill-Breunig, Bambi Statz, and Julie Waner

Others present : Tim Schell, Sheila Weihert, Brian Kersten, Mike Hensgen

1. Public input on agenda items-none
2. Testing & Assessment updates & applications of results
 - MAP- September testing scores have been received and were used during Oct. early release. Looking into the uses of MAP testing in both Fall & Spring. Discussion about purpose for the test (observe student growth versus too much testing of students.) One of the considerations is limiting testing in the fall as a result of other required fall testing WKCE/EPAS. District Testing & Assessment committee will study/discuss and make a recommendation for 2009-10. We will be testing all St. John's 6th graders in the Spring planning to enroll at the MS to help determine placement.
 - Explore/Plan tests results received and used during Oct early release. Parent Informational Meetings-10/24 & 11/10 were well received. Iplan on providing them again next year. Area districts who administered these tests will be meeting in Middleton with the ACT rep (Dec. 11) to discuss the results and how to use the data most effectively to improve student achievement.
 - WKCE (Nov. 3-14)-tests completed and shipped to company for scoring. We will have the results in May!
 - NAEP testing (January 29-gr. 8 @ MS & March 3-gr. 4 @ Heritage) Federal mandated under NCLB.

3. 4K Study-working with Monona Grove Schools to see how they looked at this potential program. (Pros/Cons, including their implementation structure, timelines, costs, benefits & challenges)
4. World Language Ad Hoc Committee Update-Gr. 1-4 Spanish teachers will be developing grade level proficiencies in December. Gr. 5-6 is going to have a distance learning meeting with Ashwaubenon to discuss their 5-6 Spanish program. The goal is to have the 5-6 plans in place by February 2009.
5. Alternative School Schedule/Calendar (EG. 10 day & 6-day schedules)-Tabled to next meeting
6. Class Rank Study- Brian Kersten discussed the high school study into elimination of class rank, implementation of a laureate program, and consistency in grading scale. A High School committee is investigating this. The study will include various surveys to teachers, students and parents. Also, provide an informational meeting for parents.
7. Camp Invention-Sheila and Tim discuss the possible options regarding this program in the district. Discussion included possible scholarships to needy families, Waunakee student getting first chance to enroll, and what is the impact on our summer school? Should it be provided through Community Education Fund 80, ask for a special fee, or offered privately without special fee. It might be possible that the BOE Policy Committee might want to review the facility usage policies. Motion by Julie to waive the fee for one more year. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Committee asked Tim & Sheila to bring an option back to the Curriculum Committee.

Tim, Mike, and Sheila met on Tuesday (11-25) to discuss these options. After closely reviewing the policy, we will not recommend a special fee structure. Within our policy, we should charge the normal fee for the usage of Arboretum. We calculated the facility cost. The regional director confirmed that a fee of \$10 per camper should cover the cost of facility usage.

Because our recommendation does not include an exemption request for Camp Invention, there is no formal board action needed on this item.

8. Youth Assessment/Risk Survey- Tabled to next meeting
9. Program Evaluation Action Plans for (Science, Pathways, & Reading)-Committee reviewed actions plans for Science and Pathways. Reading will be completed at the next Curriculum meeting.
10. Music Enrollment- Tabled to next meeting
11. Weeding the Garden-none
12. Other Items from the Floor-none

Future Agenda Items:

- **Music Program**
- **Youth Assessment Risk Survey**
- **Program Evaluation-Science**
- **Alternative School Schedule/Calendar**

Motion by Bambi Statz second Peggy Hill-Bruenig to adjourn.

Passed 2-0 at 11:30 am

cc. Craig Wille, Tim Schell, Kurt Eley, Dan Carter, Chris Hetzel, Brian Kersten, Sheila Weihert, Shelley Weiss, Lee DePas, Randy Guttenberg, BOE.