

Curriculum Committee Minutes May 4, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Pana High School Library

Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order.

Members present: Dively, Duez, Carlson, Hahnenkamp, Lauff, McRoberts, Metzger, Schafer,
Wysong, Zueck, Strom

Members absent: Ade, Hankins, Kettelkamp, McClure, Osborn, Rodman

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2011. Motion to approve minutes. McRoberts,
Second – Hahnenkamp
2. *NCLB 2011-2012 Grant Application* – Mr. Dively reviewed the Title I and Title II programs. Discussion was held as to the purpose of these two programs and the changes that have resulted from transitioning from Title I targeted assistance program to schoolwide programs. Mr. Dively also shared some of the preliminary results of the recent ISBE audit of Title I and II. The projected allocations for 2012 are as follows: Title I - \$567,866 and Title II - \$102,950. The allocations represent a 10% reduction in funding from FY2011. After discussion about the two grant programs a motion was made by Wysong and seconded by Hahnenkamp to recommend that the district make application for the Title I and II grants in FY2012.
3. *Pana Jr. High Potential Schedule Changes for 2012* – Mr. Lauff addressed the Committee about some possible changes in the Jr. High Schedule for 2012. The proposed schedule would provide for a modified block schedule where classes such as reading, math, chorus, and band would meet every day, while other classes would be for extended periods every other day. The primary reason for making this change is to maximize time in the schedule to strengthen the core instruction and to provide opportunities to tiered level interventions. The schedule would provide times for ability grouping where advanced students could be challenged and at-risk students could receive additional supports. Mr. Lauff will continue to examine the possibility of this schedule with his staff and hopes to implement the changes for the 2012 school year.
4. *Other Curriculum Consideration* – Ms. McRoberts reported to the committee that the High School plans to move study hall from the end of the day to the middle of the day. The reason for this change was to provide more time to provide intervention time for students. Students would be grouped together based on their abilities and the teaching staff would provide interventions as part of the RTI model. Some concern was registered about moving the study hall due to the impact on student athletes that need to leave early.

Mrs. Strom shared how the time provided from early dismissals on Wednesdays has been used. After the staff worked first semester to identify Power Standards for their subjects, they are now involved in “Unwrapping” the standards. This work will lead to the development of common formative assessments. Mrs. Strom provided the committee with a handout on an overview of common formative assessments that explained what they are and their benefits. The early dismissal time in 2012 will be used to complete the work on Power Standards and the development of the assessments.

Dr. Lett commended the staff on their hard work on Power Standards and complemented them for their leadership.

Mrs. Strom and Ms. McRoberts again asked the committee to support the establishment of a deadline for making schedule changes. With the deadline students would be able to make changes up to and through registration. Dr. Lett indicated that he could support a deadline as long as it was clearly communicated. After discussion, a motion was made by Lauff and seconded by Carlson to support the implementation of a deadline.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Hahnenkamp and seconded by Duez to adjourn the meeting of May 4, 2011 at 7:50 p.m.

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