

Curriculum Committee Minutes December 16, 2009

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

Chairman Mizeur called the meeting to order.

Members present: Mizeur, Dively, Duez, Hankins, Hahnenkamp, Kettlekamp, McRoberts,
Nicolas, Rodman, Schafer, Wysong, and Zueck

Members absent: Hicks, Lauff, McClure, Metzger, Osborn, Strom

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – 10/28/2009 Motion to approve minutes. McRoberts, Second - Wysong
2. *Update on 2011- 2013 Technology Plan* – Mr. Dively provided a Power Point presentation on data collected so far for the Technology Plan. Sources of information included the School Report Card, student surveys, the 5th and 8th grade Technology Proficiency Assessments, and faculty surveys. During the presentation the Committee discussed several of the items of information. The next steps for the Technology Subcommittee include surveying the 10th grade students, parents, and community members. Inventory information is almost complete. A budget analysis will be completed as part of the needs assessment in preparation for writing the plan.
3. Mr. Dively updated the committee on the process to transition from Targeted Assistance Title I programs to Schoolwide Programs. Currently resources are being collected to conduct a comprehensive needs assessment at each Title I school in order to draft their schoolwide plan. Once the needs assessment is complete, teams from each school will work together to write their Title I Plans.
4. Ms. McRoberts provided an update on the Autoskill program. She indicated that the computerized program is used in Basic English I and II. Students with low reading levels are benefiting from working on the program. Many of the students have an average reading level of 6th to 7th grade. Some are as low as 3rd grade, but these are students with IEP's. Students do seem to be increasing the reading level and enjoy using the program. The performance on the program has not had a direct correlation with their success in class. Currently, they are not using the program as much as recommended because of the block schedule. Schedule now permits 2 to 3 times per week, for 30 minutes. The recommended use is 3 to 4 times per week for 45 minutes. The program will be used for Math 2nd semester. It is likely that this will be one of the RtI interventions for the high school.

Ms. McRoberts informed the Committee that she will be collecting information to bring to the next meeting to share as part of a discussion regarding the required number of credits to graduate high school. Currently students need 28 out of 32 possible credits. Ms. McRoberts indicated that students can fail an entire class or fail for a semester and still graduate. Concern was raised about the effect of increasing

the required number of credits on the graduation rate. Mr. Kettlekamp pointed out that we should also keep in mind that we need to do what is best for our students. A review of other schools' requirements may prove beneficial, but their requirements, whether more or less rigorous, may not be the right thing for our students. Also raised as a future topic of discussion was the issue of dual credit classes. ICCB has objected to mixed classes in which some students are taking the class for college credit and some are taking the class only for high school credit. Ms. McRoberts said that she told the committee that is dealing with this issue that she didn't have the staff to run two different classes for this purpose.

5. *Next Meeting Date* – Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2010 6:00 p.m. in the High School library.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Kettlekamp and seconded by Schafer to adjourn the meeting of December 16, 2009 at 6:55 p.m.

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