

## Curriculum Committee Minutes April 29, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. at the Pana High School Library

Chairman Metzger called the meeting to order.

Members present: Dively, Hankins, Hahnenkamp, Lauff, Mayhall, Metzger, Osborn, Schafer, Strom, Lett

Members absent: Carlson, Duez, Kettelkamp, McClure, McRoberts, Wysong, Zueck

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – Minutes from January 23, 2013 meeting were reviewed and approved.
2. *Update on Transition Plans from High School Block Schedule to Traditional Schedule for SY2014* – Mrs. Strom reported on the progress being made on the high school schedule. She indicated that she is currently experiencing difficulty with scheduling the middle of the day in the software program. She has been doing the schedule by hand. She has made Lumen aware of the problem. She indicated that returning study hall to the middle of the day would help solve the problem. The Committee discussed this issue and the problem with athletes leaving early for events. It was suggested that an athletes' P.E. at the end of the day could help. A motion was made to approve the moving of the RTI study hall to the middle of the day and athletes' P.E. to 8<sup>th</sup> period was made. (Motion by Lauff, Second by Schafer). The action would be subject to review at the end of 1<sup>st</sup> semester. All were in favor.

Mr. Lauff shared the schedule for next year. He indicated that his schedule in terms of time and periods is very similar to the high school. This should help with the sharing of staff. He also indicated that a resource period will be scheduled throughout the day. This is a period in which RtI can take place. This will enable students to receive RtI interventions without being pulled from other classes which they enjoy attending. Periods will be 46 minutes. P.E. classes will now be called Wellness classes because of the increased emphasis on health and wellness education.

Mr. Lauff also shared information with the Committee regarding an upcoming workshop that will be conducted by Kelly Doubek on the Common Core standards, assessments, and goal setting. The workshop will take place the second week of June.

3. *Jefferson School Adoption of FLINAO Model* – Lisa Mayhall made a brief presentation of the Failure to Learn is Not An Option model that has been adopted by Jefferson Middle School. The key concept of the model is that the teachers and administration will not allow students to choose not to do their school

work/homework and accept a zero. The two components to the model will include homework and test re-takes. Students failing to complete homework on time will be required to do it during a working lunch or before/after school. Students that fail an assessment will be required to take the assessment (with additional interventions) until they pass the assessment. Consequences will be established for students who continuously fail to complete work. A motion was made to support the implementation of the FLINAO model at Jefferson Middle School (Mayhall, Second, Strom)

4. *Other Curriculum Considerations* – Mr. Dively shared information with the Committee regarding the financial challenges the district will face in regard to the Title I program for next year. The grant is projected to be at the hold harmless amount which means it will be at 90% of the 2013 allocation or \$526,000. Due to the district, and now Lincoln Elementary and Pana Jr. High failing to meet AYP, 30% of the grant allocation will be set aside for professional development and to offer supplemental services. In addition the Federal TRS rate has increased to 35.41% of salary. This results in an estimated shortfall of \$210,185 for salary and benefits for at our current budget levels.

Mr. Dively did ask that the Committee approve the submission of the NCLB grant application. A motion was made to support the application for the NCLB grant (Motion Lauff, Second, Hahnenkamp)

Having no further business, a motion was made by Hahnenkamp and seconded by Schafer to adjourn the meeting of April 29, 2013 at 8:04 p.m.

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