

# HARVEY SCHOOL DISTRICT 152

## CURRICULUM MEETING

### Minutes 11-11-14

**In attendance: Gloria Johnson, Mrs. J. Miller, Dr. Adams, Dr. Jones, and all building Principals: Watson-Hill, Brown, Gipson, Strong, McGrone, Hunt, Thomas and Allen. The meeting opened at 9:12 am and adjourned at 10:05 am.**

- **Spelling Bee**
  - The District Spelling Bee was discussed. Ms. Strong, Principal at Holmes will serve as the coordinator. All elementary schools (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>) are participating. The Spelling Bee will be held on Thursday, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup>. The district competition will determine one winner that will represent the district in the South Cook Regional Bee.
- **Math Bowl**
  - Preparation for the Math Bowl: Information was distributed to the Principals which included team make-up, dates and timeframes. Principals will choose coaches and inform Mrs. Miller which Divisions in which they are competing. Mrs. Miller will resend preparation information. The District will receive 10 tickets to distribute for attendance.
- **All buildings gave an update on afterschool tutoring and enrichment program implementation.**
  - Lowell:
    - Enrichment: Culinary Arts: Healthy Eating, Technology and Arts & Crafts
    - Tutoring beginning week of Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>
  - Sandburg
    - Enrichment: Colorful Girls, Boys to Men, Spelling Bee, Technology
    - Tutoring: Began Oct 20<sup>th</sup>
  - Brooks
    - Enrichment: Afterschool Clubs
    - Focusing on effective instruction during the day before instituting tutoring
  - Holmes
    - Enrichment: Will begin after Christmas Break
    - Tutoring beginning after Thanksgiving Holidays
  - Bryant
    - Enrichment: Afterschool Clubs: Student Council, Student Leadership, Praise Team
    - Tutoring began week of Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - Angelou
    - Enrichment: Nerdy Girls has started now; others will start after Holiday Break
    - Tutoring will begin after Thanksgiving Holidays
  - Whittier
    - Enrichment: Will begin later –focus is now on Academics
    - Tutoring began Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>
- Janice Preston was utilized at Brooks to assist in planning and preparation, Common Core implementation and PARCC readiness. She has visited all elementary buildings, as well. There is an overwhelming positive response to her work. Many teachers and all Principals are eager to have her return. The goal is to continue the process at the elementary buildings, working with leadership teams and Principals.
- **Technology Update**
  - Mrs. Miller asked that all Principals review the October Smartboard Repair Update that was sent last week to ensure that the report was accurate. Principals were reminded to create a work order as soon as an issue is known for both computers and SmartBoards. Principals were informed that a proposal was made to update computers and that they will be updated when a final decision is made.
- **PARCC**
  - The PARCC readiness assessment was complete and according to ISBE, all buildings, with the exception of Bryant and Brooks are ready to implement the test online with a full computer lab. With extra computers, those schools should be ready, as well.
  - Dr. Jones shared the latest update about the DLM test, which is the new test that replaces IAA. All testing staff must complete modules and earn certification in order to administer. She will share more information as she becomes aware.
- **OTHER ITEMS:**
  - Mr. McGrone shared his participation in the 'School to Prison Pipeline' program with Operation Push. He spoke about how progressive our district is compared to others with respect to our support of families, students and resources. They are interested in working more with SD #152. He will be holding a townhall meeting on Saturday, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, where he is going to feed the community, give away turkeys and speak to parents about staying involved.
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**Action item: Continue plan with Janice Preston – funded through Title PD funds.**