

Curriculum Committee Minutes March 16, 2011

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, Hankins, Kettelkamp, Lauff, McRoberts, Metzger, Osborn,
Schafer, Wysong, Zueck, Strom

Members absent: Ade, Hahnenkamp, Hicks, McClure, Nicolas, Rodman

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – 11/3/2010. Motion to approve minutes. Osborn, Second – Lauff
2. *Jefferson Middle School Curriculum Concerns FY12* – Ms. Zueck reported to the Committee that she is considering the addition of exploratory classes at Jefferson Middle School for 2012. The classes would be offered on a Pass/Fail basis once a week each nine weeks. Students would sign up for the classes. They would rotate every 9 weeks. Topics could include such items as Web Page Design, Science Olympiad, and School Newspapers.
3. *Pana High School Curriculum Concerns for FY2012* – Ms. McRoberts addressed the Committee about several concerns for the High School for 2012. These included the RtI program and the need for additional interventions and the plan to modify the block schedule to permit time periods at the beginning and end of the school day for the purpose of implementing RtI interventions. During this time, the Committee had an extensive discussion about the RtI program at all grade levels and the challenges of implementing interventions for all students. Ms. McRoberts also indicated that they wanted the Committee to consider the possibility of either limiting when students could make schedule changes or charging a small fee for each time the students requested a change.
4. *Other Curriculum Consideration* – Mr. Lauff shared with the Committee that his goal for 2012 is to increase the technology that is available for students. He wants to see technology in the hands of students on a weekly basis with the teachers acting as facilitators. He gave examples of ways that Twitter could be used as an educational tool and explained that there are several low cost or no cost applications available for hand held devices that can be used for educational purposes.
5. *Update on Wednesday Early Dismissal Schedule* – Mr. Dively briefly commented to the Committee, that the Wednesday early dismissals have been used to give teachers time to collaborate on identifying Power Standards and planning for RtI, and P.B.I. S. programs. The time has been very beneficial and has provided teachers the opportunity to have the types of conversations that the Committee experienced during the meeting.

Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting is May 4, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pana High School Library

Having no further business, a motion was made by McRoberts and seconded by Wysong to adjourn the meeting of March 16, 2011 at 7:20 p.m.

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