Harvey School District 152

Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 4, 2012

The meeting was called to order by Gloria Johnson at 11:19 am

In Attendance: Gloria Johnson, Michael McGrone, Frank Kuzniewski, Deborah Watson-Hill, Kathy Odom, Dr. Sophia Redmond-Jones, Samantha McNulty, Roxie Thomas, Shannon Brown, Linda Hawkins, Janet Rogers, Margo Schmitt, Carol Meyer, Clifton Hunt

Not in Attendance: Shirley Fowlkes, Johnnetta Miller

Harvey Education Foundation (Kay Giles) – handout; Celebration of Excellence fund raiser; requesting photos from schools; photos – front of building, staff, students; display of student work; Ms Giles contact information H 799-4550 C 278-4590 kgiles2312@sbcglobal.net; Mini Grant application has been extended to Oct 11; Save the Date Card – March 21-22, 2013 Superintendent's Conference;

Literacy Team – would like a calendar of meetings. Literacy Team will meet before the Curriculum Committee Meeting; Representatives from the Literacy Team will be selected become members of the Curriculum Committee. The Literacy Team will meet @ 10:00 am on the same day before the Curriculum Committee.

Gloria Johnson recommended that the district plan early to be part of the upcoming Superintendent's Conference; (March 2013).

Some of the Curriculum Meeting dates have been changed due to conflicts with ISAT Testing, Superintendents' Conference and Spring Break.

The March and April meetings will be combined and rescheduled to Wednesday, March 27, 2012.

Institute Day – Agenda

Janet Rogers asked for verification that Ms. Schmitt met with the principals who agreed to rework the institute day agenda.

Dr. Jones asked to be removed as a presenter the from 8:15 session. The curriculum committee agreed to show the photo power point at lunch instead of taking time in the morning session. Breakfast will be available from 7:50 am to 8:10. There was discussion regarding the allotment of one hour for lunch discussion.

A suggestion was made that staff members select their lunch choice in the morning, so that distribution of lunches could be expedited. (It was also suggested that multiple tables be set up so that sandwiches can be organize by table.)

Special services staff will follow the schedule of their home from 11am – 12pm.

Frank Kuzniewski and Michael McGrone voiced continuing concerns about the lack of sessions that provide grade level/subject level articulation as discussed at the Sep 26th curriculum meeting:

Informational items

Superintendent Kellogg will attend South Cook Math Initiative meeting on Friday, October 5, 2012.

Rotary Club has donated dictionaries to 3rd grade students.

Principals should complete webinar series no later than Tuesday, October 9, 2012.

Roxie Thomas requested that an e-mail address list be distributed.

Janet Rogers shared some concerns about the principals meeting twice a month with the superintendent. She recommended that principals meet as a group as needed.

Roxie Thomas is concerned about placing the AimsWeb order as requested. Some principals did not receive the email re: ordering AimsWeb.

Michael McGrone shared a concern about the continuity of assessments. All schools should be administering the same assessments.

Margo Schmitt raised the question about administering too many assessments the students too much?

Dr. Jones stated that students who are in "intensive care" need more assessments than students who just need "monthly/annual checkups".

Carol Meyer requested information from principals as to which schools are going to use AimsWeb reading and/or math; Training needs to take place for math prior to testing – Carol will come up with a plan; it was suggested that we wait until second benchmark for math;

Roxie Thomas requested that Carol Meyer put together the district assessment schedule.

Frank stated that Brooks has a need for a math coach.

Margo Schmitt requested assistance in setting up Brooks for Institute Day.

Meeting adjourned: 12:44

Next Curriculum Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 7, 2012 @ 11:00 am in the Board Room at Central Office.

Submitted by Kathleen Odom