

WBOE Ad Hoc Enrichment Committee

The committee met five (5) times from July-December. BRS administrators attended Confratute for one day in the summer and Creativity-Con. Guest speaker Bonnie O'Regan from CT Association for the Gifted attended one of the meetings and provided information. BRS teachers provided math enrichment and compacting examples at one of the meetings.

A summary of the work and topics that the committee spent time on follow:

- Reviewed the Charge
 - Committee Charge: The committee will make a recommendation to the WBOE on the ways the Board can support the initiatives of the School Wide Enrichment Model (endorsed by the Board in their Strategic Development Plan) including the needs of high achieving/high ability students.
- Reviewed the current School-Wide Enrichment model work taking place at BRS
 - Clusters, PBL/Genius Hour, Capstone
 - Curriculum Compacting
- Became familiar with BRS curriculum templates for mathematics.
- Experienced examples of current curriculum compacting and enriching math activities.
- Read research on a variety of topics including School Wide Enrichment Model, Clustering, and Acceleration.
- Reviewed previous and current TAG Identification and programming process.
- Discussion continued as members reflected on information shared.

Recommendations

- Stay the course for all students
 - Continue to support the School-Wide Enrichment Model as approved in the District Strategic Development Plan
 - Clusters, PBL/Genius Hour, Capstone
- Expand Curriculum Compacting work, resources and coaching to all grade levels.
 - Enhanced professional development and supporting resources.
- Develop communication strategy (PLC teams) to assist parents in understanding what upcoming units include and to understand purposes of homework.
- Provide Math Workshop Evening for parents/students.
- Administration to explore options to enhance TAG programming and enhance consistency.