

Harvey School District 152
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 7, 2018
5:30 PM

Agenda Items	Notes	Next Steps
Call to Order:	The meeting convened at 5:32 pm with a welcome by Board Member Casey Nesbitt.	
Members in Attendance:	C. Nesbitt, G. Johnson, Nichols, R. Thomas, K. Odom	
ELA Curriculum Committee	<p>D. Nichols provided an update on the committee's progress. Teachers are reviewing students' performance according to the PARCC evidence tables for the past two years to identify critical instructional areas. They are also in the process of developing a comprehensive template for the curriculum guides.</p> <p>Handouts were distributed with the revised meeting schedule for the ELA Committee. Discussion followed regarding concerns with the district's substitute teacher shortage.</p>	
ELA Curriculum Needs Assessment Results	<p>D. Nichols shared the results of the ELA Curriculum Needs Assessment. Highlights included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teachers are using a variety of materials to provide core reading instruction, as opposed to only using the district's adopted reading program - Wonders. • Teachers have access to a significant amount of supplemental materials. • Teachers are need of more time to collaborate with their grade level colleagues. • There is a need to include more formative assessments and rigor in instruction. • Teachers would like the district to address concerns related consistency; addressing the needs of Tier 3, Special Education & EL students; phonics; and writing. <p>Discussion followed regarding the district's MTSS program and meeting the needs of all learners.</p>	Investigate how other districts manage MTSS
PARCC Prep	D. Nichols distributed a handout for PARCC readiness detailing the tasks, deadline dates and staff responsibility.	
Technology	A district-wide technology committee will be established to promote	

Updates (Committee, Equipment/ Assessment, Instruction)	<p>the use of technology in the schools and provide staff members with opportunities to provide input on the department's initiatives. The first meeting will convene March 1st at 3:30.</p> <p>The technology department is planning to update the district's network and design an infrastructure suitable for 21st learning needs. Our goal is to increase the number of 1:1 devices to limit testing times and improve students' technology skills.</p> <p>D. Nichols distributed a handout detailing technology proficiency skills by grade level. Discussion followed regarding students instructional technology needs and staffing needs.</p>	
Brooks STEM Labs	<p>ISBE approved the district's request to build three new STEM labs at Brooks using Title I and Title II funds. The STEM labs will provide <u>ALL</u> Brooks students with instructional opportunities in the areas of robotics, engineering, circuitry, computer graphics, digital communications, desktop publishing and sustainability.</p> <p>Committee members viewed a short video showcasing the Creative Learning Solutions (CLS) STEM labs in other school districts.</p> <p>D. Nichols informed the committee that the proposal for constructing the labs was presented to the finance committee in the amount of \$469,044.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the benefits of the STEM and the increased opportunities they provide to students.</p> <p>The Curriculum Committee supports the recommendation to approve the STEM labs.</p>	
Summer School 2018	<p>The following tentative summer school schedule was drafted for 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 4 - June 28 • 9:00am - 1:30pm (Mondays - Thursdays only) <p>Discussion included concerns regarding the low participation rate of students; the lack of transportation services provided to students; and ineffective curriculum materials.</p> <p>The committee would like administration to consider a site based option for hosting summer school.</p>	<p>Research curriculum program, budgeted amount for salaries, and transportation expenses for summer school.</p>
Good of the Order	<p>All future meetings will begin at 5:00pm. Upcoming meeting dates are as follows:</p> <p>March 14, 2018 April 11, 2018 May 9, 2018 June 13, 2018</p>	

Adjournment	7:07 PM	Next meeting Wednesday, 3/14/18 @ 5:00
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