

**Harvey School District 152**  
**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**September 26, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by Gloria Johnson at 10:15 am

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

***South Cook Math Initiative***

Discussion took place about District 152's participation in the South Cook Math Initiative Grant. District committed to participating in this grant. Grant was written for teachers in grades 6-8. As reported by Margo Schmitt, the district has not been represented at SCMI activities in the past year. Currently Marcy Wegner, math teacher at Brooks, has committed to represent the district. Since its inception, there has been not representation by 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

Janet Rogers inquired as to who has been receiving information about meetings and training. Ms. Schmitt's response was that the Superintendent would be the recipient of this information.

Our contact person at South Cook is Mary Jo Traveomini. Mrs. Rogers asked Ms. Schmitt to contact the director to find out where the SCMI information has been sent.

Mr. McGrone requested additional information to share with teachers. He wants his teachers to have a full understanding of the commitment to SCMI.

A meeting is scheduled for October 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 11:30 am with Mary Jo Traveomini. Administrators who are attending: Johnnetta Miller, Dr. Jones, Margo Schmitt, Frank Kuzniewski and Shannon Brown.

The principals are in agreement that they need a comprehensive guide to share with their teachers.

There is a SCMI meeting scheduled for October 5<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Rogers suggested that the Superintendent represent the district at this meeting. The committee is in agreement.

### ***October 5 Institute Day Agenda***

Mrs. Miller reminded the group that it was agreed that this Institute would be a working day, with practical, useful ideas. The staff needs to know that district leadership is listening to them.

Mrs. Thomas reminded the group that our previous discussions centered on grade level planning and common core.

The committee agreed that Dr. Whitacker would be removed from the agenda. The district is not going to pay her \$2500 fee.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the curriculum committee needs to be involved in planning the agenda for institute day.

Dr. Jones stated that several groups have not been involved in the planning. She suggested that school secretaries and principals need Power School training.

Mrs. Thomas commented on the overwhelming amount of emails that are sent multiple times by Ms. Schmitt.

Dr. Jones is requesting that Carol Meyer meet with the special services staff to continue Progress Monitoring training.

Mrs. Thomas recommended Maureen Arthur's husband as a speaker on institute day.

Ms. Schmitt reminded the group that Discovery Training has been scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup> at Brooks. The agenda was shared.

Mrs. Rogers asked for a blank agenda template so that the committee could rework the institute day agenda. Aurelia provided the blank agenda.

Mrs. Rogers summarized the purpose of Administrative Council, Curriculum Committee and the need to reconvene the Literacy Team. All three groups have specific roles to play. If each group adheres to their purpose, the meetings will be much more productive.

Mrs. Johnson stated that the Board of Education needs to have discussion and come to a common understanding regarding the Literacy Team.

The Riley staff's topic for institute day is "How to Differentiate Instruction at the preschool level. Deborah Watson-Hill is the facilitator.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she wants to make sure the agenda is set for October 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Kuzniewski suggested that teachers need time to dialogue all afternoon at grade level or subject area sessions. Each group needs a facilitator and an agenda.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. McNulty volunteered to work with Ms. Schmitt to finalize the October 5<sup>th</sup> agenda, based on suggestions and discussions made at today's meeting.

Meeting adjourned:

Next Curriculum Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2012 @ 11:00 am in the Board Room at Central Office.

Submitted by Kathleen Odom