

Curriculum Committee Minutes November 3, 2010

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, Hahnenkamp, Hankins, Kettelkamp, McClure, McRoberts,
Metzger, Rodman, Schafer, Wysong

Members absent: Ade, Duez, Dodson, Lauff, Nicolas, Osborn, Strom, Zueck

Superintendent Present: No

Visitors: Barb Daughtery, Wendy Suey, Lynn Rochkes

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – 5/12/2010. Motion to approve minutes. McRoberts, Second – McClure

2. *Update on Transition to Title I Schoolwide* – Mr. Dively reported the Title I schoolwide plans for Washington, Lincoln, Jefferson, and Pana Jr. High are in place. The District Title I plan has also been updated to reflect the change from targeted assistance to schoolwide and approved by ISBE.

3. *Review of Programs Funded under the Title IV Grant* – Mr. Dively explained that the Title IV Grant has helped to pay the salary of Wendy Suey, K-6 Intervention Specialist. Wendy Suey shared with the committee the activities that she performs and her role in the P.B.I.S. (Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports) model at Lincoln and Washington School. She indicated that much of her time this year has been spent at Lincoln School. One time each month, students that do not meet the criteria for the positive behavior party meet with the Intervention Specialist to review issues that may have gotten them a major write up and kept them from the positive party. Next year the program will be extended to Jefferson, Jr. High, and High School. Wendy indicated that she felt the program at Lincoln was going well and that the teachers were doing a great job. Barb Daughtery explained the P.B.I.S. model and pyramid of interventions. The Lincoln motto is that students will be respectful, safe, and ready to learn. She explained that student behavior is tracked through the SWIS data system. Infractions are either minor infractions or major infractions. The data system will provide information that can be used to evaluate the effectiveness of the interventions being utilized.

Lynn Rochkes shared a handout explaining the various Safe and Drug Free Schools Activities. This includes the SAP Team at Pana Jr. High, Red Ribbon Week at each school, Stand Up to Bullying Day, and Stress Awareness Day. Alcohol and drug prevention curriculum is also offered in the 9th grade Health class. At the Jr. High a locker was designated for students to put anonymous notes in about concerns or problems they are experiencing. They have also implemented some fund raising activities such as Hat Day and started a clothing closet for needy families.

At the conclusion of the discussion a motion was made by Hahnenkamp and seconded by Kettelkamp to use Title IV funds to support the Intervention Specialist position.

Lynn Rochkes also reported to the Committee that she had attended a Dangerous Decibels workshop. The workshop focused on the potential hearing loss experienced by students from listening to portable music devices too loud. She would like to receive support to teach this curriculum at the 4th grade level. It would also involve High School students. This will be a topic for future discussion.

4. *Block Scheduling at Pana High School* – Ms. McRoberts shared with the Committee that she would again be asking the Committee to evaluate the move from block scheduling to a more traditional schedule. She indicated that the current schedule will make it difficult to provide the interventions necessary with the implementation of the RtI program. She also indicated that they are considering this as a means to improve instruction and ultimately performance on the PSAE. Mr. Dively shared a brief Power Point with the Committee that explained the restructuring requirements for a school or district that failed to meet AYP. The High School is currently at Academic Watch Status Year 1. After the second year on Academic Watch Status, the High School will have to submit a restructuring plan to ISBE. If the school would remain on Academic Watch Status, they would then have to implement the restructuring plan. Ms. McRoberts indicated that she would bring some data to the next meeting for the Committee to consider.
5. *Proposed Meeting Schedule* – Mr. Dively gave the committee a proposed meeting schedule. Ms. McRoberts pointed out that there was a conflict for May 11 so a different date in May will be planned.

Next Meeting Date – The tentative date for the next meeting is January 12, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Pana High School Library

Having no further business, a motion was made by Rodman and seconded by Hankins to adjourn the meeting of November 3, 2010 at 7:25 p.m.

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