

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 13, 2013
Elementary Principal's Office
9:00 a.m.

Members Present: CJ O'Neil, Kellie Loeb, Superintendent Michael Garvey, Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn, and Principals Eric Ranzen and Kris Blakeley

Member Excused: Andy Swanson

Also Present: Student Board Member Abby Krueger, and Elementary teacher Angie Hoffman

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted.

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to adopt the agenda removing item 8 – Elementary Music, and moving item 10 and 11 to the beginning of the agenda followed by item 6.

A great deal of discussion was had about the adoption of a Cum Laude System. Student Board member Abby Krueger expressed the frustration that the strength of schedule is not currently represented in the class rank system. The Curriculum Committee members spoke in support of the change to a Cum Laude system.

The following changes will be put together in a proposal for the March Curriculum meeting:

1. Adoption of Cum Laude System
2. Identification of Advanced Courses
3. Addition of a civic component both as a grad requirement and in the Cum Laude System

Mr. Ranzen will present information about exit portfolios at the March meeting.

The Committee discussed Middle School/High School scheduling. MS/HS staff expressed concern over teaching 7 of 8 periods via a signed statement (signed by 22 teachers). Student Board Member Abby Krueger asked the Committee to consider study halls for students with rigorous schedules. Mrs. Loeb expressed that struggling students also may need time. She also stated that the Curriculum Committee needs to review this issue in what is best for students not based on Personnel decisions.

Dr. Garvey suggested that after school activities start later in order to accommodate staff request for prep time as well as student requests for time to meet with staff.

Mrs. Hoffman shared that it is very difficult to get through the daily instruction in the allotted time. She personally begins her instruction during breakfast. She would appreciate more instructional time.

The Committee endorsed these ideas:

- Extension of school day PK – 12 by 20 minutes
- Build in student led study/teacher contact time in the middle of the day

- Keep intervention/enrichment periods
- Strengthen enrichment times including AP study groups for AP students
- Provide an exam week schedule 9-12 each semester

Mrs. Hoffman shared how the Math Grant project has benefitted student learning. She recognized the great deal of work needed to make changes but staff can now see how their hard work has paid off.

Mrs. Krohn showed the Committee the Indistar information system where the Improvement team goals and progress can be viewed by the team and the DPI.

Mrs. Krohn also shared the Elementary Keyboarding requirements with the Committee.

Dr. Garvey and Mr. Ranzen informed the Committee that they have been working with MS/HS staff in order to prepare for future course offerings and a review of the schedule.

The March meeting will be held March 20, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

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Superintendent