

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 17, 2007
3:30 p.m.
JH/SH IMC

Chairperson Kelly Loeb called the meeting to order.

Present: Kellie Loeb, Tina Roehl, Don Battenberg, District Administrator Michael Garvey, and Board President Jamie Hombsch.

Also present: Ken Johnson, Elementary Principal/Special Education Director Kris Blakeley, JH/SH Principal Eric Ranzen, Community members Jim Playter and Karen Shananaquet, and Board Member Patricia Hying (arrived after the meeting started).

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted.

Motion by Tina Roehl/Don Battenberg to adopt the agenda with the 4K discussion as the first topic and the rest as posted. Motion passed.

Dr. Garvey reviewed the path that 4K discussion has taken in the state and in the district. He provided the Committee with a list of research that has been done on 4K, and his and Mrs. Blakeley's recommendation to add 4K for the 2008-09 school year.

Mr. Playter and Mrs. Shananaquet represented Kids Connection, a local preschool that could serve as a possible 4K site.

Mr. Battenberg suggested that more time is needed to gain community support. He recommended a survey be sent.

Motion by Don Battenberg/Tina Roehl to send a survey to residents on pending school issues, including 4K, sites issues, etc. Motion passed.

Dr. Garvey will work with administrative team to develop a survey. Mr. Battenberg and Mrs. Loeb will review the curriculum questions. Dr. Garvey will ask Mrs. Hying to review the sites related questions.

Timeline for 4K if implementation will occur in 2008-09 school year:

- 4K to be included on a survey on school issues to be mailed early November.
- Committee will review survey results late November or early December.
- If the Board moves towards 4K, the Committee recommends a community collaboration, including representatives from possible sites, child care providers, faculty, administrators, community members and a Board rep.

Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Blakeley shared the English/Language Arts curriculum maps.

Mrs. Blakeley distributed the “next step” that being “unit planning”.

Math (2006), Science (2007) and English/Language Arts (2007) curriculum teams have developed curriculum maps. Scope and Sequence have been sketched out and Power Standards have been developed in most areas.

Unit plans (see attached examples) provide for the day-by-day activities. They emphasize that a teacher has flexibility as to activities but the standards and assessments are consistent within grade levels and contribute to a continuum across grade levels.

The Elementary staff are required to complete at least 10 unit plans this year. The Committee discussed comments from community members about the curriculum. The Committee will look at English, Health, Math to ensure rigor and correct progression.

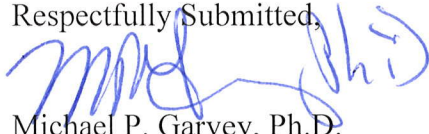
Dr. Garvey presented the 4-year course of study review form that Betsy Hallam (7-12 Guidance Counselor) uses. She also does a Jr. and Sr. year review, which is sent to parents (example attached).

The Committee discussed a post-graduation survey. The Policy Committee will look at when the survey will be conducted. Mr. Ranzen shared a copy of the ACT survey, which may be adopted for use.

Dr. Garvey asked that at a future meeting the Committee discuss the criteria for students to access a virtual school and how the district selects which virtual schools are approved.

Motion by Don Battenberg/Tina Roehl to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,



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District Administrator