

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 8, 2008
9:00 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by chair Kelly Loeb.

Members present: Rick Kaltenberg, Kellie Loeb, Don Battenberg, District Administrator Michael Garvey (arrived at 9:15), and Principals Eric Ranzen and Kris Blakeley

Principal Kris Blakeley verified that the meeting was properly posted.

Motion by Rick Kaltenberg/Don Battenberg to approve the agenda as posted except moving item 1 to the end of the meeting. Motion passed.

A written summer school report was shared with the Committee. The report was discussed, as were the recommendations. Motion by Don Battenberg/Rick Kaltenberg to proceed with hiring a director for the 2009 summer school. Motion passed.

Principal Eric Ranzen shared with the committee the available AP classes and also discussed ACT scores related to our course offerings.

Kris Blakeley shared the progress of the TAG programming. She is meeting with Theresa Kaukl, the District's Coordinator this week. The identification process and tracking paperwork identified last fall (October 2007) is in place at the k-6 level under Kris's direction but has yet to be implemented at the 7-12 grades. Theresa is expected to move this forward.

Dr. Garvey, Mr. Ranzen and Mrs. Blakeley presented a summary of the status of summer curricular projects in language arts, social studies, health, art and the CTE areas. Mrs. Blakeley discussed the implementation of Accelerated Reader at the elementary level. Mr. Ranzen discussed the implementation of Channel 1. The Committee discussed remediation. They endorsed the idea of offering a homework assistance program at the high school level and being more proactive with students that are falling behind before a final grade is determined. The Committee endorsed an after school program which may involve hiring staff to assist students falling behind. The Committee is also endorsing a change to the athletic code that would require students to participated in an after school study table instead of practice if they are not fulfilling the expectations in the classroom.

Mr. Battenberg requested the number of ELL students. The number of ELL students in the District is 12 with 9 being served. The level of service (and if they are served) is determined based upon the students' ACCESS scores. Mrs. Blakeley and Dr. Garvey shared that the District qualified for an immigrant and an ELL grant through CESA 5 and will be using the grant dollars to support staff development and they also have brought on board some software that will assist with translation and instruction.

Mrs. Blakeley presented the plans for the after school homework/tutoring program supported through the Americorps grant. Currently it is being marketed in grades 3-8. The Committee felt that high school should be included and discussed ways to make that happen which included providing stipends for staff that were involved.

Dr. Garvey presented the graduate survey results from last year's seniors. He will report on the results at the October 13, 2008 Board meeting. He will also share a summary of the "essay results" but listed that comments about staff and their interaction with students was high on the list of the school's biggest strength and that offering more courses was the area in need of improvement.

Moved by Don Battenberg/Kellie Loeb to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Michael P. Garvey
District Administrator