

School District of Johnson Creek
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 14, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Elementary School office

The meeting was called to order by chairman, Kellie Loeb

Members Present: Kellie Loeb, Rick Kaltenberg, Don Battenberg, Elementary School Principal - Kris Blakeley, Junior/Senior High School Principal – Eric Ranzen, Diane Lonsdale

Kellie Loeb verified that the meeting was properly posted pursuant to s.s. 19.84(1) Wis. Statues.

Motion by Rick Kaltenberg/Don Battenberg to adopt the agenda as posted. Motion carried.

Curriculum Revision Updates

Mrs. Blakeley presented copies of curriculum documents indicating how the district's curriculums fit into the state standards—copies enclosed with the minutes.

The new math program is working well and includes many teaching suggestions and resources. A letter has been sent to parents explaining the program.

Sitton spelling –staff is getting used to this new program. Workshops are being planned.

Health, science and phy ed are working on developing their curriculum.

Mrs. Blakeley shared unit plan outlines used by the staff-- copies of these are enclosed.

There are ongoing efforts to ensure that the curriculums are aligned with the state standards. Mrs. Blakeley is thus able to evaluate staff based on these submitted plans. Art, Music and Spanish are curriculum areas that will be addressed next.

Mr. Ranzen made the committee aware of the coming need for a long term substitute for Spanish.

Student in A.P. classes are using the internet as a resource for their classes.

RTI

Mrs. Lonsdale reported on the procedure used in RTI process using the documents which are enclosed. The Student Planning Committee referral document identifies the reasons for referral, students strengths, interventions attempted, summaries of behavioral data, and assessment information including information from parents. This information is used to make a hypothesis regarding reasons for student learning difficulty. The second document is the SPC Intervention and Accommodation Planning Form which summarizes the concerns, desired outcomes and hypotheses regarding reasons for student learning difficulty. It then lists goals and possible interventions and accommodations. This is a process used to identify learning difficulties early and setting goals which are

measured weekly. Student's progress is also measured. This whole procedure is data driven.

ELL

Mrs. Blakeley reported that the student population of ELL students is growing and includes students from backgrounds other than Spanish. The Jefferson Literacy Council has provided a tutor for two students in the high school. The district should look for possibly adding ½ time ELL instructor for next year. Presently ELL students are sharing resources and help with the Special Education staff.

Curriculum Director shared services (2010-2011)

Lake Mills School district has asked the Johnson Creek to consider sharing 20% of a curriculum person time beginning in school year 2010-2011. The committee discussed the pros and cons of this. One possibility discussed was having this person work with the high school on a particular curricular area. It was proposed that the staff should be asked their opinion on the idea.

Motion by Rick Kaltenberg/Don Battenberg to adjourn. Motion passed. Adjourned at 10:45