

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2014

Time: 8:15 a.m. – 10:25 a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

Participants: Beth Clemmensen, Jeff Folker, Lesley Fisher, Lauren Grieve, Sridhar Krishnaswamy, Lauren Fagel.

Administration Present: Michael Simeck, Lori Wilcox,

Guests: Bill Andersen, Mike Borkowski.

Approval of Minutes: Jeff Folker, Beth Clemmensen

DISCUSSIONS:

Acceptance of Committee Charter:

The Education Committee charter was discussed and a consensus was reached to bring the charter to the Board of Education meeting on February 25, 2014.

Math Program 2013-2014:

The Bridges adoption is going well in Kindergarten through 4th grade. Teacher feedback is that students are grasping the concepts. Bridges will be moved into 5th grade next year and all teachers are on board. Grades 5th through 8th math classes will do straddling (in 6th grade math will include 6th and 7th grade concepts, etc.) in order to prepare for HS readiness. Eight(8) teachers will be attending the NCTM conference in New Orleans in April. The Agile Mind program will still be a tool in 5th through 8th math as it has valuable real life connections.

Documenting learning outcomes will direct the selection of supplemental books for math. Mike Simeck reviewed math sequencing from 4th through 12th grade. Lauren asked how supplement occurs as it pertains to current 6th graders, and Lori Wilcox advised that it is by pre-testing, looking at learning outcomes, adjusting and pulling from resources so gaps can be filled, and math intervention as needed. Lauren suggested we add to the K-4 curriculum as opposed to trying to fit multiple years in at the 5th through 8th level.

Science Update:

A discussion took place on STEM and where the District is regarding tracking the results. Lauren discussed Next Generation Science Standards similar to CCSS and the focus on

mastery of high-level skills. A discussion took place on science pull outs versus in classroom experience. There would need to be extensive training before science could come into the classroom. Sridhar emphasized partnering opportunities with community and universities.

LASIC:

The current program is CTPIP a one-off program. The District needs to consider lowering the number of languages that are offered. Discussion took place regarding expanding Spanish and Mandarin to Kindergarten or 1st grade, FLES, using language 90:10-option in 5th, to add or switch to Latin or French, or enroll in a more advanced Mandarin or Spanish course. Mike Simeck will discuss with Cabinet.

Motion to Adjourn: Beth Clemmensen moved seconded by Laureen Grieve that the meeting be adjourned.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion regarding STEM vision

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 16, 2014 at West Campus, Seminar A