

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Time: 8:15-10:05 a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

Participants: Beth Clemmensen, Lauren Fagel, Lesley Fisher, Jeff Folker, Laureen Grieve, Sridhar Krishnaswamy, Susan Milsk

Administration present: Mike Simeck, Lori Wilcox

Staff Present: N/A

Guest(s): N/A

Approval of Minutes: Laureen Grieve, Jeff Folker

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Lesley Fisher thanked the committee members for their time and thoughtfulness. Special thanks to community members Laureen Grieve and Sridhar Krishnaswamy.

Math Curriculum Grades 5-8 Review and Restructuring

Rationale:

- lack of clarity-what is being taught in each class?
- lack of alignment to CCSS
- too many freshmen enrolling in AAA or AATH only to drop down
- data re algebra readiness showed some could be going forward faster, while others were simply not prepared to begin
- the goal is to prepare vast majority of students for Calc/Statistics by senior year

Process:

- representative group of 5-8 grade math teachers
- examined local data and other local school models
- MAP (middle school), ACT (HS) scores reviewed by Joe, LFHS Math Dept Chair
- Survey of other local districts' programming showed:
no Algebra for All in grades 7 and 8

Algebra is taught in one year, not 2
-created courses to align with CCSS
-created placement criteria
-reviewed resources

Highlights:

-placement will be based on demonstration of mastery
-students will have access to same concepts, at different times
-entire math sequence, K-12, reviewed
-courses will be named according to curriculum studied, not by level
-12 courses reduced to 7 courses
-multiple ladder opportunities including Summer offerings
-multiple acceleration opportunities
-aligned to CCSS

A commitment to providing experiences for all kids to meet their needs. All kids need to GROW.

-math informational meeting at DPM for parents Mon., April 27, 7-8 pm

Suggestion from committee: Teacher articulation with parents should be clear, individualized student by student.

Update on Inspiration Block, Year One

Kelly Jackson and Lauren Fagel will be presenting at May BOE meeting.

3 areas of measurement:

- 1) Reading and math achievement- eliminated math instruction in Mandarin.
- 2) AAPL test- proficiency test for 3 and 4 graders in Language Acquisition Block to measure interpersonal, speaking and listening skills. To be administered April 27, results 2 weeks after.
- 3) Parent and staff climate - survey shows strong climate

Year Two of the program begins in Fall 2015. Whole school will formally transition to Inspiration Block, including grades 1 and 2.

Suggestion from committee: Everett and Sheridan teachers should be encouraged to observe at Cherokee.

Language Arts Professional Development

-five teachers and one district administrator have been accepted to Lucy Caulkins' Reading and Writing Workshop Institute at Columbia University in New York this summer

-remaining LA teachers will participate in professional development here this summer
-writers' workshop will be implemented next fall, while reading workshop will be implemented fall of 2016

Public participation:

N/A

Motion to adjourn:

Beth Clemmensen, Jeff Folker

Next meeting:

Fall of 2015, exact date TBD