

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Monday, July 14, 2014

Time: 9:15-11:35a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

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

Administration Present: Kelly Jackson, Susan Milsk, Lori Wilcox

Staff Present:

Guest(s):

Approval of Minutes: Jeff Folker, Laureen Grieve

DISCUSSIONS:

Summer Curriculum Work-Progress Report:

Atlas Curriculum Mapping Software

- Has been available for est. 20 years
- While teachers in 67 have maintained documents re curriculum by grade level/subject, this will allow changes to occur in real time, all in one place, with parents and wider public, students, and staff having access
- Benefits new teachers, teachers changing grade levels/subject, clarity for parents and students alike
- Summer curriculum time will be devoted to updating annually
- Overseen by Lauren Fagel

Inspiration Block

- Kelly Jackson shared the work of the Cherokee staff re Inspiration Block and Advanced Language Acquisition Block (current incoming Kindergarten preference numbers show an equal split of Inspiration and Language)
- June 23: K, 3 and 4th grade teams and lead Science teacher, as well as reps from grades 1 and 2 met to plan for upcoming year. Mid-August the whole staff will come

together to review and focus on Habits of Mind (no quick answers, empathetic listeners, metacognition, etc.) emphasized in PBL, CCSS, Charlotte Danielson, best practice

- using Project Based Learning model helps kids become better questioners themselves (flipped classroom), aligned with Charlotte Danielson teacher performance evaluation
- PBL-has authentic driving question , thematically-based units, different from traditional project unit, measured with rubric

EX: Chicago- field trip first, final is presentation to wide audience (cross classes/grade levels)

- Inspiration Share Nights at Cherokee in upcoming school year
- BOE presentation scheduled for Sep.

Jay McTighe Workshop

- Understanding by Design co-founder presented to staff
- More details at next Ed Committee meeting

Math Curriculum Update:

- Bridges program will be expanded to 5th grade
- Grade 6 will be scaffolded (6/7 grade work) in order for students to finish Algebra 1 at DPM
- Text used for 7/8 grade Algebra for Core, Explore, and possibly Quest is Pearson 2015
- Agile Minds online curriculum will be used to supplement

Enrichment/Explore/Quest Update:

- 3/4 grade Explore math will use Bridges 3, 4, 5 combo
- placement criteria at elementary level is firm-test scores(high value on local assessment (MAP/NWEA tests)/aptitude/those needing enrichment in order to grow from where they currently are
- program criteria expands in 6,7,8 grade as performance/hard work become important indicators of HS success
- committee reviewed the curriculum for Core/Explore/Quest math tracks in middle school

Public Participation:

N/A

Motion to Adjourn:

Sridhar Krishnaswamy moved, seconded by Laureen Grieve

Next meeting:

Tues., Sep. 16, 8:15 am West Campus