

THE CITY OF LAKE FOREST SCHOOL DISTRICT 67

Title: Education Committee Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Time: 8:15-10:25a.m.

Location: West Campus, Seminar A

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

Administration Present: Judi Epcke, Kelly Jackson, Susan Milsk, Mike Simeck, Lori
Wilcox

Staff Present: N/A

Guest(s): Mike Borkowski

Approval of Minutes: Laureen Grieve, Sridhar Krishnaswamy

DISCUSSIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

Cherokee-two Inspiration Blocks

- Kelly Jackson shared the work of the Cherokee staff re **Inquiry Block** and **Language Acquisition Block**, offered update by grade level (K, 3 and 4)
 - Inquiry-Based Block (STEM-inspired)**-curriculum delivered through projects (Project-Based Learning) with emphases on social studies and science.
 - Language Acquisition Block (Mandarin)**-addresses science and social studies curriculum standards while immersing students in Mandarin.
 - Full Day Kindergarten-21 in Inquiry, 22 in Language
 - Evaluation to come in spring 2015 to gauge the following: climate, reading and math achievement (NWEAs), language proficiency.
 - risk-taking by staff, professional development, program evaluation, communication-teacher ownership is key
- Discussion: importance of communication home, comparing performance with other schools
- 26 students from CH Mandarin program moving to DPM in 5th grade for advanced Mandarin class

DPM Smart Labs

- Judi Epcke shared an update on Lab already installed at DPM West-Mr. Pollina's STEM classroom. Creative Learning Systems Lab, same as seen at Northwood JH in HP. 'Learning is deeper' Renee Devore. Chairs and paint to come!
- Prep for second lab (to be housed at DPM East) is under way. Teachers in Smart Lab leadership roles will undergo 4 day training and will work with DPM E staff to implement the Lab on the east side.
- As Tom and Renee revamp and further align building schedules, maximization of utilization and exposure of/to Smart Labs is being considered.

The Maker Movement

- Judi also cited website (<http://bit.do/maker>) and article: 'How the Maker Movement is Transforming Education' to better help us understand the ever-changing educational tools that engage today's students.
- Recap: Fabrication Devices (3-D Printer), Physical Computing (robotics, maki maki, google glasses, Programming (hour of code) are among the tech-based tools used in modern day classrooms.
- Discussion: How to incorporate Smart Lab time/instruction beyond Encore classes (BOC students miss out, integrate into science classes, before and after school availability/clubs, Brainstormers offerings, etc.)

Common Core State Standards/preview of League of Women Voters presentation

- set of standards using a common language, incorporates quality teaching practices, grades build on each other
- we can plug into it what we want
- polarizing nationally, but here the transition emphasizes what we are working towards and provides a clear framework of learning standards vertically and horizontally-see attached for sample
- Mike Simeck and Kevin Rubenstein (Curriculum and Instruction) of District 65 will present on CCSS to League of Women Voters On Sep. 20.

Testing this year

- NWEA/Map: fall (baseline) and spring (growth)
- PARCC-administered in grades 3-8 in March and May, state assessment
- Pros: challenging tasks, replaces ISAT, aligned with CCSS-not teaching to the test, utilizes computer skills,
- Cons: validity is unknown, lengthy

Update on summer 2014 curriculum work

- Learning Targets (essential questions), Assessments, Learning Plan (strategies and resources)
- accurate, current, updated each summer, alignment to CCSS, vertical alignment

-parent/student/community access to curriculum in Fall 2015
-Add+Vantage Math Recovery to measure narrow skills and protocol is in place for interventions

Additional discussion

-Lori Wilcox discussed SB 7 going into effect 2016-2017 school year: assessments need to be incorporated into teacher evaluation.

Public participation:

N/A

Motion to adjourn:

Laureen Grieve moved, seconded by Sridhar Krishnaswamy

Next meeting:

Tues., Nov. 18, 8:15 am West Campus