

Riverview School District

Education Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, January 9, 2012 7:00 PM – 9:35 PM

Central Office Conference Room

Present: Mr. Hackworth, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Vitti (7:10), Dr. McClure (7:15), Mr. Tillman, Dr. Erdeljac, Mr. Moser, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Dunkle, Ms. Ashlee Schrecengost, Mrs. Black

Absent: Mr. Kadylak, Mr. Hornsby

AGENDA:

Welcome Mrs. Heidi Dolan as Education Committee Chairperson

Mrs. Dolan said she was happy for this opportunity to Chair the Education Committee. She indicated that, in this day of vouchers/cyber schools, it is particularly important for Riverview to maintain a high quality of instructional programs so residents will not even consider other options. Dr. Erdeljac thanked Mr. Moser and others who helped with or attended the Distinguished Alumnae event on Saturday evening. It was a huge success and very gratifying to learn about the successes of our former students.

- **Mathematics**

There was an extensive math discussion for over an hour. All of the following topics were addressed. Board questions were answered. We would like to thank Ms. Ashlee Schrecengost, Verner grade 6 math teacher, for demonstrating the ALEKS/CMP2 software.

- Updated Math Goals Key Events chart
- Dr. Peg Smith Reports: secondary mathematics (10/05/09 and 11/14/11)
Discussion included the challenges of teaching mathematics to a widely varied range of students, the balance of concepts/process, the need of some students for more instructional time, the importance of homework, the “flipped” classroom, availability of math teachers for “office time,” use of 10th period at the Jr/Sr High for students to receive additional support, the weight of homework/group work in the final math grade, a concern about the amount of time it is taking for some secondary math teachers to return assessments, formative assessment, midterms, and academic progress of students in math this year: how is it being measured?
- CMP2/ALEKS at grade 6 (Ms. Ashlee Schrecengost, Verner Elementary)
- CMP 15th Annual Users' Conference: CMP2 and the Common Core State Standards/February 24 & 25/ Michigan State University Bernie Campbell/Tenth Street grade 6 and Ashlee Schrecengost/Verner grade 6 have requested an opportunity to attend. We are requesting that the Board approve a motion for their attendance at the 1/16 Study Session.
- Dr. Briars visits to Verner and Tenth Street EDM classes, grades 4 and 5 Mr. Shoaf and Mr. Zolkowski discussed how Dr. Briars, the building principals and Mrs. Black are conducting classroom visits for grades 4 and 5 EDM and conducting teacher feedback conferences following the visits.
- Smith/Stein *5 Practices for Orchestrating Productive Mathematics Discussions* study group Study group will begin on the 1/16 Professional Development Day.

- Curriculum Review Cycle
 - Foreign Language (Assessment, new course consideration)

The inclusion of Mandarin Chinese I, a distance learning course offered by Beattie Tech, is being considered. Questions about current course offerings in French, Spanish, German and Latin were addressed. The FL department is working on the selection of standards-based performance assessments for all language courses.
 - Social Studies (Grade 8 textbook update, Cross-curricular research projects)

Mr. Moser and Mrs. Black congratulated the SS department on the refinement of Econ/Civics final projects. Mrs. Lynn Madden, Jr/Sr High School librarian, has been a tremendous resource. Both the FL and SS departments will share their Curriculum Review Board Report at the March 5 Ed Comm meeting.
- Jr./Sr. High School Enrichment Math, Literature and Essay Clubs

Mr. Moser and Mrs. Black commended Mr. McNally for the excellent work he has done launching these enrichment opportunities for secondary students. Sample problems for the math group were shared.
- SWPBIS (Schoolwide Positive Behavior Intervention Supports)
 - District core team meetings, building meetings updates
 - Network Implementers' Forum/May 23 & 24/Hershey Lodge and Conference Center

Building principals described the positive schoolwide behavior efforts in their buildings. Formal implementation of SWPBIS begins in the 2012- 2013 school year. The current year is being devoted to district/building core team planning with the assistance of AIU3 behavior specialists. Ms. Weigand has completed a Safe Schools Targeted Grant in the amount of \$15,000.00 and submitted it to PDE.
- Targeted Assistance
 - TA Overview
 - Verner, Tenth Street and Jr./Sr. High Updates

The building principals and Mrs. Black are in the process of evaluating the effectiveness of 1st semester targeted assistance efforts. Teachers are conducting post-testing this week; that data will be analyzed to determine next steps.
- Technology: Grade 9 Netbooks

Mr. Dunkle spoke about addressing all 9th grade students through their social studies schedules. He is aware of student access to Facebook via Google Chrome and steps are being taken to block this access. Mrs. Dolan suggested we might want to survey parents to see what their perceptions are.
- Informational Items
 - K. Yanalitis has completed *Language!* TOT and is now a certified *Language!* trainer
 - RSD AYP Status for 2011
 - *Getting Accountability Right*, Douglas Reeves, District Administrator, October 2011

Next Education Committee Meetings: Monday, March 5, 2012. Please send any suggested agenda topics to Lynn Black and Heidi Dolan.

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiastic participation in this first Ed Comm meeting of the new year. The evening was a long one but the discussion was important and, we hope, informative.