

Riverview School District

Education Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, October 1, 2012

7:00 PM Central Office Conference Room 7:00 – 8:55 PM

Present: Mr. Hackworth, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. Tillman, Dr. McClure, Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Vitti

Others Present: Dr. DiNunno, Mr. Moser, Ms. Nix, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Dunkle, Mrs. Black

Absent: Mr. Kadylak, Ms. Tompa

AGENDA:

Mrs. Black thanked Mr. Kubistek for his excellent work in planning/implementing the Riverview Model UN Conference at the Jr/Sr High today. Nine districts (180 students) participated. Riverview grads Antonio Paris, Ashley Reid, Ryan Kearney and Kyle Osborn returned to RSD to help facilitate novice and veteran sessions. An excellent day for everyone!

- **Teacher Effectiveness Process** (Formal Evaluation Tools, Teacher Observation Flow-Chart, Teachscape Framework for Teaching Proficiency System)
Mrs. Black reviewed PDE's new teacher Effectiveness Process, discussing the pre-observation, observation and post-observation formats. She also discussed administrative participation in the TFFPS System from Teachscape, during which all district administrators will become certified in administering the Danielson Framework formal evaluation tools. Mr. Shoaf shared examples of successful teacher observations which he has conducted at Verner so far this year.
- **SWPBIS update** (August 21st pd and September 19th 2-hour delay)
Mrs. Black reviewed SWPBIS professional development to date. All sessions have been planned and implemented by building teams, making this a very teacher-centered process. The principals reviewed the status of SWPBIS in each of the buildings, paying particular attention to the September 19th 2-hour delay day. Teacher feedback regarding SWPBIS has been 99.9% positive. Only one teacher has expressed dissatisfaction with the scheduling of the 2-hour delay dates.
- **Professional Development Teacher Questionnaire Results** (Verner, Tenth Street, Jr/Sr High)
Mrs. Black and the principals shared the teacher feedback from the PD Teacher Questionnaire. About 1/2 of the teaching staff completed and returned questionnaires. Results have been shared with each building. Since the questionnaire was distributed, primary teachers have met for the first follow-up session for the Primary Literacy Institute. The group is scheduled to meet, after school, every other month to share strategies. Mrs. Black and Mr. Dunkle have sent a technology pd questionnaire to all teachers, asking for their preferences regarding after-school pd sessions and recruiting teachers to plan/facilitate those sessions. Dr. Loeffler inquired about paraprofessional professional development and Ms. Wiegand provided an overview of those programs.

- **AP Data/AP Professional Development**

The Board reviewed a chart with the most recent AP scores. Some Board members expressed frustration with the lack of 4 and 5 scores. Mr. Moser explained that AP course enrollment has been expanded to include more students. Mrs. Black described the professional development opportunities which the AP teachers have been offered. Mr. Moser will check the budget to see how much money has been set aside to help defray AP test costs for students who need financial assistance.

- **RCEP and Value-Added Plan Update** (Verner, Tenth Street, Jr/Sr High)

Each building administrator provided an update for his/her building and/or grade level. The first few weeks of school have been devoted to gathering data and making preliminary parent contacts. Ms. Nix has conducted two RCEP meetings for Junior High students and reported excellent results from both parents and teachers. The RCEP initiative, introduced by Dr. DiNinno, will start gradually, with a small number of students, and perfect the process as the year progresses.

- **Mathematics Update** (Curriculum Revisions, Assessment)

Mr. Moser discussed the revisions made by pre-algebra, algebra I, geometry and algebra II teachers this year. A DRAFT chart was presented to the Board. Teachers will continue to work on refining these charts during the next few weeks. Mr. Hackworth reminded the administrators to keep next year in mind as we plan. Dr. DiNinno stated that we will continue to monitor the alignment of curriculum, final examinations, final grades and PSSA/Keystone performance. A series of math meetings, grades 4 - 12, will begin during the week of October 8th. Mr. Dunkle shared an electronic overview of the CDT system, including student data charts. Mrs. Black provided the final PSSA data which we recently received via emetric.

- **Curriculum Review Cycle Update** (K - 12 Literacy, Art, Music).

The art teachers have met several times and would like to present their curriculum review at the November 5th Education Committee meeting. Mrs. Black thanked them for sharing student art work in the Central Office Conference Room. Administrators will meet next week with the music department to discuss their review plans. Secondary English teachers have been working on grade 12 PSSA remediation, the Eng Lit CDT and Eng Lit Keystone Examination. Elementary principals and Mrs. Black will meet with the elementary subject area coordinators (Literacy) next week to discuss elementary plans.

- **Standards-Based Report Cards** (Elementary and Secondary Pilots)

Mrs. Black, Mr. Shoaf and Mr. Zolkowski discussed the elementary standards-based math insert which is being implemented this year. Mr. Moser shared the standards-based grading system which Mr. Ludwig is piloting for his Physics class. Mrs. Dolan commented that the immediate feedback students receive from this system should provide additional student motivation.

- **Questions? Concerns? Next Steps?**

Dr. Loeffler inquired about remediation plans for Forbes Road students. Mr. Moser indicated that he, Ms. Nix and the department chairs are working to provide appropriate remediation opportunities for all

Jr/Sr High students. This is sometimes problematic, given the amount of time Forbes students actually spend in the building. Student strengths/needs are shared with the Forbes Road staff.

Next Education Committee Meeting: **Monday, November 5th**. Please send any suggested agenda items to Lynn Black and Heidi Dolan by October 23rd.