

## Riverview School District

### Education Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, October 3, 2011

Central Office Conference Room 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Present: Ms. Shearon (7:10), Dr. Stein, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Loeffler, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Kadylak, Mr. DeMario

Absent: Mr. Hornsby

Also Present: Dr. Erdeljac, Dr. Briars, Mr. Tillman, Dr. McClure, Mrs. Cecil, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Zolkowski, Mr. Shoaf, Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Dunkle, Ms. Dezayas (*Plum-Oakmont Patch*), Mrs. Black

#### AGENDA:

- **A Mathematics Discussion with Dr. Mary Kay Stein and Dr. Diane Briars**

Dr. Mary Kay Stein and Dr. Diane Briars presented a mathematics program update powerpoint. The majority of the meeting was spent discussing the update and related math questions. Some topics included student engagement, student motivation, student effort, differentiating instruction, the cognitive demand of math tasks, creating a supportive classroom environment, student group work/presentation/audience expectations, current CMP2 and Discovering materials, homework expectations, grading expectations, assessment, current mathematical research, teacher engagement, teacher planning, teacher professional development and parent involvement. Dr. Stein and Briars also presented their recommendations: recommit to the importance of developing students' capacities to think and reason; stay the course; provide in-class assistance to teachers; educate parents—not telling does NOT mean not teaching; administer alternative assessments that focus on thinking and reasoning.
- **PDE Physical Education Requirement**

The possibility of using participation in sports to fulfill physical education requirements was discussed. Mr. Moser will continue to talk about this with the PE teachers. Also, he will investigate school districts that offer PE for one day per week.
- **Alternative Education Update**

Currently, the Jr/Sr High Alt Ed program is operating at capacity with 15 students. This population can fluctuate, so students will come and go as the year progresses. Our goal is to provide the most appropriate instructional environment for all students, based on their individual needs. Building administrators meet continuously with guidance, the Alt Ed teacher and other staff to determine what those placements should be, as well as their duration.
- **Information and Resource Sharing**

Due to time constraints, we did not discuss the following informational items. Questions can be directed to Lynn Black, Jay Moser, Jason Shoaf, David Zolkowski or Susan Wiegand. We may take some time during the next Ed Comm meeting (November 7) to discuss some of these topics.

  - September 23<sup>rd</sup> Professional Development Agendas
  - PA Transition to Common Core Update

- Strategic Plan Mid-Point Review Report
- Keystone Examination Update/Keystone Moratorium for 2011 - 2012
- Elementary Math Update (*GMADE, Number Worlds, EDM3* Differentiation)
- *Language!* TOT Training Completion for Mrs. Kris Yanalitis
- Family Economics and Financial Education (FEFE) National Training for Mrs. Patsy Kvortek
- "Bridge" Reading and Writing Professional Development for 6 - 8 Teachers (Mr. Shannon Kahne, Mrs. Krista Simon, Mrs. Cathy Favo, Mrs. Melissa Arnett, Mr. Ryan O'Malley)
- PSAT (All Sophomores and Juniors) on October 12
- Little Linguists at Verner
- Riverview Model UN/September 23 (Mr. Ken Kubistek and Social Studies Department)
- SchoolWide Positive Behavior System Update
- School Safety Meeting/September 29
- Indicator 13