

Riverview School District

Education Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, November 1, 2010 7:00 – 8:50 Central Office Conference Room

Present: Dr. Stein, Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Kadylak, Ms. Shearon (7:14)

Absent: Mr. DeMario, Mr. Hornsby

Others Present: Dr. Erdeljac, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Dunkle, Mr. Kubistek, Students Matt Hutchings, Scott Keefer, Aubrey Welshcox, Mrs. Black

AGENDA:

- **Riverview School District Model U.N.**
Mr. Ken Kubistek and students Matt Hutchings, Scott Keefer and Aubrey Welshcox
Mr. Kubistek and RSD students talked about the Model UN which was hosted by the Social Studies Department at RSD on October 18th. Students discussed their participation in other Model UN's , most notably that at Princeton. It was great to have students participate in an Education Committee meeting and share the wonderful work they are doing! Dr. Erdeljac and Mrs. Black commended Mr. Kubistek and the Social Studies department for hosting this event, which will (hopefully) continue in future years.
- **PSSA Writing and Science Data Review**
Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Shoaf and Mr. Zolkowski
Mrs. Black discussed the PSSA writing and science 2010 data from the district perspective. Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Mr. Moser and Mr. Hadley shared building results, instructional implications and "next steps" being taken by science and English/language arts teachers to maintain and/or improve student performance on these assessments.
- **Graduation Requirements/Keystone Examinations**
Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley
Mrs. Black reviewed PDE's recently released Keystone Examination requirements. Students in the classes of 2015 and 2016 will be required to take Keystone Exams in English Literature, English Composition, Algebra I and Biology. Beginning with the class of 2017 (current 6th graders), students will be required to take 6 Exams selected from 2 English, 2 Math, 1 Science and 1 Social Studies. RSD is participating in November electronic field tests for keystones in Algebra I, Biology and English Literature in order to "preview" exam formats and to test the district's ability to support electronic exam administration.
Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley and Mrs. Black have discussed Keystone graduation requirements with Dr. Erdeljac and are recommending the use of keystones as a graduation requirement **without** the 1/3 final course grade stipulation. This is the option being chosen by most of our neighboring districts. The recommendation will be taken to the Board in January. Mrs. Black also shared the website <http://video.paiunet.org> as a good source of graduation/Keystone information.

- **Mathematics**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski

Math teachers continue to use professional development days with Dr. Diane Briars, Dr. Sandy Berger, Mrs. Black and the building principals to work on enhancing math instruction and student achievement.

Mr. Moser and Mrs. Black commended Mrs. Cathy Cecil for her instructional leadership as secondary department chair.

- **Science**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski

Mr. Moser shared Mr. Ludwig's comprehensive plan for the science department during this curriculum cycle review year.

Informational Items

- **Assessment: *School Integrated Summary 2009 - 2010* for SAT, AP and PSAT**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley

Please contact Mrs. Black for an electronic copy of the full report.

- **Assessment: Grade 12 PSSA Retest**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley

The testing is complete; we will wait for student results. In the meantime, remediation continues.

- **Elementary Report Card Revision**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Mr. Dunkle

Building principals shared the newly revised elementary report cards and standards-based math inserts. Both will be shared with parents on upcoming parent conference days.

- **Secondary Gradebook Parent View**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Dunkle

The parent view will be operational by next week. Parent letters will be sent. 9th grade teachers are meeting for professional development on effective instructional strategies. Mr. Moser commended the secondary Gradebook Committee for their excellent work.

- **Elementary Targeted Assistance**

Mrs. Black, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski

Both buildings have begun after-school targeted assistance programs in math and reading for grades 3 - 6.

- **Special Education: Writing Standards-Aligned IEP's for Transition**

- Mrs. Black, Ms. Wiegand

Ms. Wiegand shared the good work the special education teachers are doing to generate standards-aligned IEP's for our special needs' students.

- **Professional Development Agendas for October 18th**

- **Congratulations to Kris Yanalitis/ *Language!* Freshman TOT**

Kudos to Mrs. Y for completing the first step of *Language!* trainer certification!

- **RSD *Celebrate Success!***