

**Riverview School District  
Education Committee Notes  
Monday, November 5, 2012  
Central Office Conference Room**

**7:00 – 8:40 P.M.**

Present: Mr. Hackworth, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. Tillman, Dr. McClure, Dr. Loeffler, Dr. DiNinno, Mr. Moser, Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski, Mr. Dunkle, Ms. Wiegand, Mrs. Karen Davidson, Mrs. Diane Lohr, Ms. Karla Gearhart, Ms. Jamie Kasper, Mrs. Lynn Black

Absent: Mr. Kadylak, Mrs. Vitti, Mrs. Tompa

**AGENDA:**

- **2012 – 2013 Curriculum Review Cycle: ART**

Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Lohr and Ms. Gearhart presented their Curriculum Review Cycle for the Fine Arts Department 2012 – 2013 Report. Highlights included an extensive list of department activities, information about assessment and data sources, department strengths/needs, resource/technology/scheduling/equipment needs and recommendations for new courses (7<sup>th</sup> grade art as a rotation). They also shared their rubric for visual arts assessment. The Board asked questions about assessment (Mrs. Dolan), participation in the STEAM grant (Dr. McClure), scheduling (Mr. Hackworth), an overview of the total art schedule, by grade (Mr. Tillman), studio art options (Dr. McClure), use of technology (Dr. Loeffler) and the possibility of posting a photo gallery on the website (Dr. McClure). Mrs. Black commended the art teachers for the ongoing art display in the Central Office Conference Room and for their displays of student art in all of the buildings.

- **Arts Education Collaborative/District Needs Assessment**

Jamie Kasper, AEC Associate Director, provided an overview of the Arts Programming Self-Assessment process which the K – 12 art, music and physical education teachers will be completing this year with Dr. Sarah Tambucci. She discussed national/PA reasons for review, the self-assessment process, the end product and “next steps.” The teachers will engage in this process during the next four district professional development days, the first of which was November 6<sup>th</sup>.

- **Mathematics Update**

Another lengthy discussion, the focus of which was the series of professional development meetings the grades 4 – 12 math teachers have been engaged in during the past month. Professional development focused on acquired skills lists for entering/exiting grades and courses, final exam reviews, discussions regarding supplements (additions, revisions and deletions to current planned courses), discussions regarding time, professional development and support needs, and teacher opportunities to visit the classrooms of teachers in different buildings. Mrs. Black commended Mrs. Cathy Cecil, Jr/Sr High Math Department Chair, for her facilitation of these sessions. Mr. Hackworth reminded the administrators to keep teacher effectiveness, student engagement and learning gaps in mind as we continue the mathematics discussion.

- Professional Development Update

Mrs. Black, Mr. Moser, Mr. Shoaf and Mr. Zolkowski discussed agendas for the November 6<sup>th</sup> professional development day. They also provided an overview of the current technology mini-sessions that are being offered after school between now and the end of the first semester. Teacher attendance at/feedback for the first session (Teacher Webpage) was excellent. Mr. Dunkle described the Netbook professional development which he is providing for 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.

- Middle School Transition Plan

Mrs. Black presented Ms. Nix's draft for the new 6<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> grade transition plan and described the activities in which students and parents will be involved. Ms. Nix has worked with the elementary principals and guidance principals, Mr. Moser and Ms. Morasczyk to incorporate monthly activities to slowly acclimate students to life at the Jr/Sr High. She will provide budget details at the November 12<sup>th</sup> Study Session. Board questions/suggestions will be addressed at this time.

- SWPBIS Update

Mr. Shoaf, Mr. Zolkowski and Mr. Moser provided building updates on SWPBIS. The next 2-hour delay for teacher professional development is Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. All programs are progressing well.

- Advanced Placement (AP) Test Update

Mr. Moser reported that current budgeting provides funding for all AP tests.

Thank you for attending the Education Committee Meeting.

*Please send any agenda items for the January meeting to Lynn Black and Heidi Dolan.*

The board held an executive session to discuss personnel matters immediately following the Education Committee Meeting.

Submitted by: Lynn Black 11/15/12