

## Riverview School District

### Education Committee Meeting Notes

April 4, 2011

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

Present at the meeting: Dr. Stein, Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Dolan, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Mr. Hackworth, Ms. Shearon (8:40)

Absent: Mr. DeMario, Mr. Kadylak, Mr. Hornsby

Others Present: Dr. Erdeljac; Mr. Moser, Mr. Hadley, Mr. Shoaf, Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Dunkle, Mrs. Black, Mr. Andrew Garibay, Dr. Maureen McClure, Mrs. Lois Vitti

#### AGENDA:

- Mathematics
  - Algebra I-9

Mr. Moser reviewed the plan to use the current *Discovering Algebra I* book, along with the electronic ALEKS program, to address students' math deficits. Dr. Stein suggested consideration of "double dosing"—a practice whereby students are scheduled for double math periods—to provide appropriate instructional time.
  - CMP2 Parent Q & A/DRAFT

Mrs. Black discussed the draft of the CMP2 parent Q & A. This document was prompted by the excellent questions parents raised at the March 7<sup>th</sup> Education Committee Meeting. Following that meeting, Mr. Hornsby suggested that we draft the answers to parent questions in this format. The questions have been reviewed /revised by building administrators, as well as by the secondary math department chairperson. Board members suggested that we provide this information to parents and/or post it on the district website for easy access.
  - "Next Steps"

Mrs. Black and Mr. Moser shared results from the *Riverview School District Math Teacher Survey* that was administered in March. The top priorities stated by the secondary math teachers was for additional daily planning time and for continuation of current collaboration/unit preview opportunities. Mrs. Black and the building administrators requested Board approval of continuing our professional development relationship with Dr. Diane Briars during the 2011 - 2012 school year. Dr. Briars is a national expert in the field of mathematics and has become very familiar with Riverview and its instructional strengths and needs.
- College Board PSAT/AP
  - What does the College Board provide?

Mrs. Black shared the district's honor of being named to the AP Achievement List by the College Board for significant gains in Advanced Placement access and student performance. She also summarized the extensive student, parent, teacher and administrator resources provided by the College Board and the advantages to including all 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and GIEP/high achieving students in PSAT testing. Dr. Erdeljac congratulated principal Jay Moser and secondary counselor Nick Kinek for the excellent work they have done at the Jr/Sr High School.

- **2011 – 2012 PSAT Request** Mike McNally, Teacher of the Gifted  
Mr. McNally spoke to the Board about the growth he has seen during the past year in the PSAT/SAT/AP process and urged the Board to continue to support these assessment and instructional opportunities.
  
- **Summer School Proposals for Tenth Street, Verner, Jr./Sr. High School**  
Ms. Wiegand, Mr. Moser, Mr. Shoaf and Dr. Erdeljac (for Mr. Zolkowski) presented summer school proposals for ESY (Extended School Year), Junior High Writing, Math/English Credit Recovery and Elementary Targeted Assistance for both Tenth Street and Verner. As in previous years, the focus is on delivering the best instructional programs possible for the dollars we have available. Dr. Erdeljac will present the proposals as a motion to be approved at the April 11<sup>th</sup> Study Session. Pending Board approval, teaching positions for these programs will be posted in mid-April.
  
- **MAT (University of Pittsburgh) Interns for 2011 – 2012**  
Mrs. Black outlined recent changes in the MAT Intern Program for next year. The program has been revised to reflect a new scaffolded placement process which should result in more equitable distribution of interns in the area. Also, districts are no longer required to provide intern stipends. Administrators have requested hosting the following candidates: Ms. Wiegand/Special Education Learning Support for Tenth Street; Mr. Moser/Math and English MAT interns; Mr. Shoaf/Elementary MAT primary intern; Mr. Zolkowski/1 Elementary PY intern for grade 2 and 1 for grade 5.
  
- **PVAAS 2010 Building and District Data Overview**  
Mr. Hadley and Mr. Shoaf provided overviews of 2010 PVAAS data for the Jr/Sr High School and for Verner Elementary School and shared instructional strategies to address deficit areas.

Informational Items:

- K. Yanalitis *Language!* TOT training
- Keystone Examinations/Key Dates