

**Riverview School District**

**Education Committee Meeting Notes Monday, April 5, 2010 7:00 – 8:45**

**Present: Dr. Stein, Mrs. Ashbaugh, Dr. Loeffler, Mrs. Dolan, Mr. Hackworth, Mr. Hornsby**

**Absent: Ms. Shearon, Mr. Kadylak, Mr. DeMario**

**Also Present: Dr. Erdeljac, Mr. Dunkle, Mrs. Black**

**AGENDA:**

- **Mathematics Update**
  - Professional Development
  - Course Sequence/Program Evaluation

We discussed the math professional development that occurred in March. Math teachers, 6 - 12, are meeting weekly with Dr. Briars, Ms. Sinopoli, Mr. Moser, Mr. Shoaf, Mrs. Friday, Mr. Winkler and Mrs. Black to complete program/textbook evaluation and finalize the secondary math sequence. Programs under consideration are *Connected Math 2*, *College Prep Mathematics*, *Cognitive Tutor*, *Discovering Mathematics*, *University of Chicago Secondary Math Program* and *Math in Context*. The *Center for Math Education Project* has been eliminated. Mrs. Black reviewed the revised textbook evaluation form and categorizing mathematical tasks format which we are using. Dr. Erdeljac has granted additional "extended day" professional development time during April for us to continue the search. We have planned visits to neighboring districts to see programs in action. Final choices should be made by May 17<sup>th</sup>. There is a need for teacher professional development with whichever programs are selected. Also, significant parent outreach must be planned. Dr. Briars and Ms. Sinopoli have indicated that they will be available during the summer to continue to work with us. We are still well within the hours we initially proposed to the Board for this important work.

- ***Classroom Diagnostic Tools Spring 2010 Mathematics Field Test Demo***

Mr. Dunkle demonstrated the *Classroom Diagnostic Tools Math Field Test* to familiarize the Board with the electronic format. All RSD math students, grades 6 - 11, will take the field test in May. This will provide students, teachers and administrators with an opportunity to preview upcoming operational tests and to ensure our capacity to administer state-mandated tests electronically. PDE has announced that feedback WILL be provided following the CDT Field Test. We had an interesting discussion about the fact that the CDT assessments are multiple choice and we will need to provide students with additional opportunities to practice open ended responses as well.

- **Master Schedule Update**

Dr. Erdeljac shared secondary progress with the master schedule. We are still exploring some form of block scheduling. Several Board members expressed great interest in pursuing a block schedule, at least for mathematics/science courses. Mr. Moser and Mr. Shoaf are planning visits to similar districts currently utilizing block scheduling formats.

- Curriculum/Textbooks
  - Completed Planned Course Revisions (Art, Physical Education/Health)
  - Science Textbook Adoption: *Environmental Science*, Karen Arms, Holt, Rinehart, Winston, 2008

Mrs. Black reviewed the planned course revisions recently completed by art teachers Karen Davidson, Diane Lohr and Karla Gearhart. Teachers worked with Mrs. Friday during the year and did an excellent job. The Board also had an opportunity to see exemplary secondary student art work displayed. The PE/Health planned courses are in final stages of revision and will be available in May. Mr. Moser is working with this group. We also looked at the environmental science text book which Mrs. Pegher and the science department are requesting. Mrs. Pegher did a great job evaluating several texts and making a final choice: *Environmental Science*, by Karen Arms (Holt, Rinehart, Winston: 2008).

- Summer Programs Overview

Mrs. Black and Dr. Erdeljac described proposed summer math/reading targeted assistance programs for both elementary and secondary. Teacher letters of interest for these positions were due last week. Successful candidates will be notified by the end of April. Planning for these programs is underway.

- Electronic Report Card Updates (Elementary and Secondary)

The Elementary Report Card Committee met on March 24<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Under consideration are electronic formats, parent access and the possibility of implementing a standards-based format. At the secondary level, the parent/student viewer of Gradebook will be operational for the 2010-2011 school year. Mr. Moser and Mr. Shoaf have established Pinnacle Gradebook requirements for parent/student view.

- Informational Items
  - 4Sight Parent Letter
  - *Safety Kids*
  - Curriculum Cycle Review for 2010-2011: Science, Consumer Ed, Tech Ed
  - *Implementing Co-Teaching/March 18<sup>th</sup> Administrative Webinar/AIU*

Next meeting: May 17<sup>th</sup>, following Voting Meeting Board members who were present agreed to schedule an Education Committee Meeting for May 17<sup>th</sup>, following the regular Voting Meeting.

