

**Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting
North Boone Community Unit School District #200**

Held at North Boone District Office
6248 North Boone School Road
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Joe Haverly. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Greenlee, Joe Haverly, Mary Maxey, Jake Hubert, Heather Walsh, Tina Babcock, Kristi Franseen, Melissa Nachampassack, Mary Piskie, Tracy Schabacker and Mike Winebrenner. Also present: Brad Breakfield and Jerry Rudolph Absent: Kelly Hanaman and Kirshna Selchow.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

CURRENT STATE OF EACH CURRICULAR AREA

Mr. Haverly invited Mr. Breakfield, 3rd Grade Teacher at Poplar Grove Elementary, to give a presentation on alignment of curriculum. Mr. Breakfield has completed 3rd grade maps and noted those with an NBCUSD login can view his work, which includes curriculum maps, assessments and resources. He obtained his templates from Units by Design and noted maps could be made available to parents for learning objectives, but assessments cannot be shared. Mr. Winebrenner said they could look at lower levels and see what is being taught. Dr. Greenlee thanked Mr. Breakfield for all his hard work.

Mr. Haverly asked if it was expected that all elementary schools had the same standards. Mrs. Babcock said ELA maps were done district-wide and ELA is solid K-12. The committee noted that EnVision is Math Curriculum, the FOSS kits don't match NextGen, we have some issues with Science, and that texbooks are aligned with Common Core, but have some variations.

Mrs. Schabacker said we are in our fourth year with EnVision Math. Mrs. Crawford started aligning K-4, Middle School and High School, but Mr. Hubert said there are some discrepancies with Model Math 1,2,3. He said if most colleges accept the ACT, maybe we should cater our own math program to be stronger toward that test. Mr. Pearce said there are struggles with Connected Math and Geometry at the 8th grade level. He said although it is early, the data shows students are struggling in 7th grade Algebra and are on Geometry track. Dr. Greenlee said we may need to re-vamp math.

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Mrs. Kelly Hanaman arrived at 4:25 p.m.
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Mr. Hubert said there were some struggles at the High School level with Social Studies. Dr. Greenlee said he will ask the Board to approve Strategic Planning, and asked what should be identified to target as important to adopt. Mr. Hubert said they usually get numbers together in February for class choices, which would be Board approved in December. He noted some teachers have already brought ideas forward, and asked if we could hold that pace. Dr. Greenlee would like MES, PGE and CES exposed to the same things so they have uniform experiences, and would like to stabilize what is important.

PRIORITIZING NEXT STEPS

The committee is comfortable with Math at the K-4 level, but Science needs help. Mr. Pearce said 7th and 8th grade course offerings need to be reviewed. He said too many students are in classes that are too high. He suggested fixing Math, then Science. Mrs. Walsh said Mindy Pudlo, an ELA facilitator, assisted the team. Mrs. Schabacker offered to get Ms. Pudlo's contact information. Mr. Hubert said a priority at the High School would be to have more novels instead of a classroom set, and feedback from teachers indicate we should stick with Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra II as the better route instead of Math 1,2,3. He felt to strengthen Science we could bring back Industrial Tech and Engineering, since Industrial Tech has Agriculture and Engineering ties and best serves the majority of our students. Mr. Hubert said we got rid of the equipment several years ago and it would be expensive to start back up, and noted we could partner with the STEM program Project Lead the Way, but it is expensive. Mr. Hubert has started to look into grants for this program.

ASSESSMENT

Mr. Breakfield said we need fully developed maps before assessments. Mr. Haverly asked if Science was done by curriculum or by grade level. Mrs. Walsh said assessments were aligned with NextGen and we need to find someone that can explain Next Gen and what we are teaching at each level. Mrs. Hanaman said grades 5-8 are aligned with NextGen. Mr. Breakfield said starting with a uniform template may help and he noted Units by Design have templates. Mrs. Schabacker said ELA was started at grade level.

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Mrs. Tina Babcock left at 4:45 p.m.
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Mr. Pearce said PARCC assessments are in early March, and said now sequence seems more important than scope. He suggested we make sure we give kids opportunities to understand the concept of PARCC.

Dr. Greenlee mentioned we have three Inservice Days remaining. Mrs. Hanaman said teachers would like collaboration time back. Mrs. Walsh said Mrs. Geyman and Mr. Pearce are responsible for the schedule. If it is to be addressed at an Institute Day, Mr. Winebrenner suggested starting to align curriculum at grade level, horizontal then vertical, then align. Mrs. Hanaman asked if we could bring School Improvement Days back into the calendar.

Mr. Hubert said in talking to other schools, he had heard the state might not make a decision on college testing until after the November election. He'd like to be an ACT test site, and asked if we could pay the test fees for our students, which is \$35.00 without writing and \$55.00 including writing.

Dr. Greenlee felt students actually tried on the ACT tests, and suburbs are putting pressure on state to pay for the ACT tests. Mr. Hubert anticipates 80-100 students will take this test. Dr. Greenlee and Mrs. Hanaman met with ECRA to see if our testing has good value and if there are some tests we can drop.

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Mrs. Walsh left at 5:00 p.m.

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Mr. Pearce said with a solid 1:1 program, we could minimize testing time.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Rudolph said teachers at the 7th grade level like the Windows sub-notebooks, as they work with Google apps and Schoology.

Dr. Greenlee will propose to the Board the devices for 7th grade and to get notebooks to elementary schools in the spring. Mr. Pearce thought the intention was the Dell's would be taken home by 7th graders. Mr. Haverly and Mrs. Maxey understood the 1:1 pilot was voted down as originally presented, and felt this was a start of something new. Dr. Greenlee asked Mr. Pearce to get a feel from staff if 7th graders need to take devices home. Mr. Winebrenner said his creativity in the classroom comes while teaching a lesson. He likes kids to have tablets, as they are a great tool to look up information and perform research.

Mr. Haverly would like to see development of firm 1:1 program before purchasing more devices. Mr. Rudolph said if they are kept at school they will need a charging solution. Mr. Pearce said they cannot test on 8th grade tablets. Mr. Winebrenner and Mrs. Hanaman felt the tablets were a learning tool, and Mr. Winebrenner said freshmen had a big adjustment from tablets to textbooks, and noted it would be nice to have both tools, instead of one or the other.

COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE UPDATE

There were no updates, and Mr. Haverly will plan to send out meeting agendas. Mr. Haverly encouraged the District to have a combined calendar of events.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

(none)

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Mrs. Franseen mentioned the Standards Based Report Cards were of interest, and that elementary teachers like the idea of true trimester. Mr. Breakfield noted we first need a curriculum map and resources for the teachers. It was discussed that it's not worth their time and effort to do a report card quarterly at the elementary level. Right now, teachers must keep a grade book, enter data into PowerSchool and prepare report cards manually. Mrs. Franseen mentioned the more time they spend on manual reporting, the less time they spend on relationship building.

The next meeting is TBD.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Haverly /S/
Joe Haverly, Chair