

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, December 10, 2015 at 3:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 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, Kelly Hanaman, Liz Saveley, Tracy Schabacker and Mike Winebrenner. Also present: Dustin Berthold and Brad Breakfield. Absent: Melissa Nachampassack, Mary Piskie and Kirshna Selchow.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

HIGH SCHOOL COURSE PROPOSALS

Mr. Hubert presented three high school course proposals.

AP Calculus BC was presented as part of a natural series to the math curriculum. Mr. Hubert said they hope to have enough numbers in the future to support this course offering. Mr. Berthold said Calculus BC covers all of Calculus I and II at an accelerated pace. He noted students can take BC in place of AB, which is all of Calculus I and part of Calculus II. Mr. Berthold felt in two years, this offering will have a big effect. Dr. Greenlee mentioned this course would be great to offer to students that would like advanced classes, but do not wish to transfer to the Running Start program. Mr. Berthold said he was willing to teach an overload if this course was approved. The committee felt that the freshman and sophomores are strong, and therefore, they would like to offer this course beginning in August 2016. The committee agreed to bring this course to the Board for consideration.

The Freshman Seminar class was brought forward by Mr. Hubert, as he said several schools are offering this type of class. He noted schools that have brought in this course have experienced lower failure rates, with some schools requiring this class for all freshmen. Mr. Hubert said the course covers study skills, career exploration, character education and possibly computer coding. Mr. Hubert said we could eliminate our Exploration class, and asked for committee input. He noted this course was not recognized by NCAA and it would not count toward GPA. Mrs. Walsh said when targeting freshmen with these types of courses, data shows those students perform better over time. Mr. Haverly asked how we ensure this class isn't viewed as an easy course. Mr. Hubert emphasized that having a strong curriculum and a dynamic instructor are vital to the success of the course. Mr. Winebrenner felt the course would be very helpful. The committee agreed to bring this proposal to the Board, with the curriculum to be developed for an August 2016 start. The success of the course will be revisited at the end of the year.

JOB SHADOW PROPOSAL

The Job Shadowing proposal was discussed and the committee agreed to move forward and present to the Board.

CURRICULUM DISCUSSION AND UPDATE

Mr. Haverly noted he had some lengthy discussions with Dr. Greenlee regarding curriculum alignment. Dr. Greenlee thought there was still some coordination needed between the middle school and high school for ELA, and it will be discussed at the next SIP day. He felt Math had the same issues at the same levels. Dr. Greenlee said they have not yet touched the Next Generation Science standards. He said they need to address tablets and Social Studies. He mentioned we need a long-term technology plan, including how to refresh our devices, and the affordability of growing devices. Dr. Greenlee said Mr. Rudolph is currently working on that project. Dr. Greenlee said the PERA committee has to put a growth model in place, including assessments and student growth. He mentioned ECRA is reviewing standardized assessments and he has asked them to analyze our data to hopefully free up instruction. He also said PARCC data was expected to be released today. Mrs. Franseen mentioned the Science kits are not appropriate for elementary levels, and Mrs. Walsh said will look into the FOSS situation.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Haverly / S /
Joe Haverly, Chair