

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

North Boone High School
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17823 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Carl Rudy. The following Committee members were present: Nicole Difford, Dr. Greenlee, Jake Hubert, Molly Lilja, Allison Louis, Kari Neri and Liz Saveley. Also Present: Marc Eckmann. Absent: Maria Duarte, Kelly Hanaman, Brian Haselhorst, Michele Lessard, Stephanie Meyers, Melissa Nachampassack, Mary Piskie, Tracy Schabacker, Mike Winebrenner and Azusena Yaro.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(None)

UPDATED GRADING SCALE: GRADES 5-12

Mrs. Neri presented the current and proposed grading scales for grades 5-12. She noted they had met with Principals in October to discuss the scale and in November, Principals met with teachers. All feedback received from the buildings showed everyone was on board with the proposal. She hosted a parent focus group where 19 parents were invited and 4 attended. The attendees had students in the following grades: K, 5, 8, 9 and 11. The parents saw no problems and asked what criteria would be used. The current scale is: A - 90-100; B - 80-89; C - 70-79; F - below 70. The proposed scale Mrs. Neri would like to bring to the Board is: A - 90-100; B - 80-89; C - 70-79; D - 60-69; F - below 60. The rationale for the changes include aligning more closely to the K-4 grading scale, providing more equity across the grading scales, providing opportunities for more feedback and intervention, aligning to surrounding school districts and RVC, and aligning to state testing proficiency levels and the state report card. These changes will not affect anything for our high achieving students. Mr. Rudy asked how this affects HS credits and how it would translate to GPA. Mrs. Neri said it would increase credits, would take effect the 2021-2022 school year and not be retroactive. The changes would need to be noted in the course guide and the handbook. The Committee agreed on the new scale and felt it could be brought to the Board at the Superintendent's discretion.

VIRTUAL ASSESSMENT DISCUSSION

Mrs. Neri said from the district Curriculum lens, she is not evaluating online learning at this time. Mrs. Louis said from the building side they are reflecting on the lessons and what is working well. Teachers are self-evaluating on the ability to get students engaged. Dr. Greenlee said the ROE is looking to put together a committee to discuss how to effectively assess learning loss. Mr. Hubert is seeing a much greater divide between those that possess executive functioning skills and

those that have having difficulty staying engaged. Mr. Rudy asked how the District was doing staying on track with academics. Mr. Eckmann noted summative data showed the number of students that passed first semester courses last year vs. this year is very similar, with some students doing better than ever in remote learning. He acknowledged it is a tough situation, as everyone is different. Mr. Hubert stated teachers are trying to address learning loss from last year, and felt we may need to skip a less vital lesson this year to try to catch them up. Mrs. Saveley felt elementary children seem more behind, as when they don't know letters and sounds, they are not able to learn to read. She said we may have to change our expectations of students for a while. Mrs. Neri suggested looking at priority standards to gauge what has been completed. Mrs. Difford proposed reviewing if students were growing vs. if they are behind. She also noted we are now offering new things that should continue such as virtual IEP's, reading nights, etc. Mr. Rudy asked if there was something this committee should be doing to facilitate. Mrs. Neri said they could review the priority standards within the next month, and could bring back the data to the next CIA meeting. She will also bring ideas for formatting to the next Administration meeting.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

The Committee suggested expanding our summer school programs. Mrs. Neri suggested summer school project based learning camps, and Dr. Greenlee stated CARES money could be used. Mr. Rudy suggested reaching out to the Boone County Extension Office for additional offerings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next CIA meeting will be held on March 10, 2021 at 3:45 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Carl Rudy, Chair