

CCC Meeting September 10, 2007

Present: Sue Williamson, Laurie Malcolm, Diane Bailey, Debra Butterfield, Jeanne Lysobey, Sue Shephard, Patty Woodberry, Doug Driscoll, Barbara Packales, Judi Morin, Sarah Bolduc-Ignasiak, Matthew Shea, Howie Tuttle.

Budget is large for committee work – thinking the money could be used differently. Ex: Elementary teachers need to develop standards based work.

Hoping to streamline some committees
Have money freed up for items like that.

Discussion/Vote Change of CCC By-Laws:

Propose an adjustment to entire system.

Adult Ed needs to be added to Committee base.

Propose: 17 consistent people

- Members will be nominated by their respective Curriculum Committees.

Should there be an alternate in case the rep cannot attend?

We really need representatives at 6-8 and 9-12. For Science 6-12 is fine. Not sure if that is the same at other curriculum areas.

Suggestion: Different curriculum areas could appeal for an additional representative.

Issue about how many years you can serve – Will there be term limits? Should it be open for change each year?

- Charge of the CCC committee should be to envision things and do long term planning rather than approving assessments.
- Looking at MEA data and where does this district need to go.
- Meet less – proposed 4 times a year.
- Maximum is 17 – maybe high school only needs one and the Middle level only one?

Curriculum review: School board is interested in learning about what is going on with curriculum. This is tied to curriculum money. Each area would get their turn every 5 years to ask for new books, etc. Then the CCC would look at the requests.

Jeannie: Only one GT person – Howie could represent as he sits on the GT committee

Some committees don't meet until November – how will the representative be chosen? Howie: most groups get to meet before the next CCC in order to choose a rep.

Debra: One concern – in the past we haven't had a lot of HS representation. So only one might not be a good representative.

If there is a burning need for a change in curriculum and it's not that areas turn to present to School Board – what do we do? Howie: this is just a way to start and soon the rotation will fit in, and then we will be able to plan ahead. We just need to have a system to it.

Curriculum materials – Big ticket items will need to come to this committee. Small materials would not.

What role do the by-laws play? CCC didn't rigidly stick to the previous by-laws. There are things that don't apply to us.

Suggestion: A blurb that all staff could know what CCC is doing. Communication to all of the staff is important.

Ideas suggested:

- There could be a section posted on the website.
- Blog could be considered.
- Using curriculum area folders

MOTION: Streamline the CCC with the addition of adult ed. and add in Pre-K through 5. No term limits but representatives nominated annually. **UNANIMOUS.**

Report card standards –

- Handout with headings
- VPA needs to shorten headings
- Some of the areas still need final headings
- The back of report card standards will be done in small group and then approved.

MOTION: To approve the content standards as written with amendment of Math, as well as the decreased format of the report card. **UNANIMOUS.**

Discussion: Streamlining of LAS approval process

- We don't have to certify students to graduate.
- Need to focus on giving a common assessment and then discussing the results.
- Forms might need to be tweaked a bit.
- *Suggestion:* Grade levels should be able to create the assessments and use them right away. Then if there is a good assessment, it would come to the CCC.
- Conversations about the units have been the most beneficial.
- Essential questions have been one of the best pieces of the creation of the units/assessment.
- Every student should have a common experience.
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ACTION NEEDED: Howie will draft a document surrounding the assessment system and what it will entail.

ACTION NEEDED: Howie to send an email out to ask for CCC nominations.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Packales