



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 19, 2011

8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

ESC, ROOM 240

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendance

Members: Celia Banks, Barb Bettis, Lori Brandes, Susan Collins, Terri DeDecker, Heather Fodor, Maryellyn Friel, Kim Hancock, Dan Hoffman, Denise Lockwald, Jennifer McDonnell, Wendy Molof, Sahar Nammari, Nan Strohmaier, Rosa Syphers, Katie Thomson, Pamela Tonyan, Lisa Whitmer, Renee Zabel

Absent: Jan Booth, Suzanne Colombe, Doug Johnson, Patricia Makishima, Lisa Olsem, Lavonne Smiley

Observers: Cyndee Rothamer, Esperanza Ortiz, Mary Wojtczak

Guests: Jennifer Bond, Dr. Torres

Presenters: Susan Ali, Kelvin Lane

Welcome New Council Members

Lynn Glaser

Farewell to Council Members

Lynn Glaser

Approval of April 21, 2011 Minutes

Motion by Katie Thomson, second by Barbara Bettis to approve April 21, 2011 minutes, motion carried.

Request to Approve Proposed I.C. 2011-2012 Calendar

Maryellen Friel motioned to approve Instructional Council and Steering Committee Calendar as presented, Katie Thomson seconded, motion carried.

I. Initial Presentations

None

II. Action Items

A. Gateway to Technology – Lisa Whitmer moved to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of Gateway to Technology and materials as proposed, Maryellen Friel seconded. Motion carried.

Wendy Molof moved to recommend to the Superintendent to address rotation organization at the Middle School level to improve uniformity, choice and access to all students, Susan Collins seconded, motion carried.

B. Business Curriculum Revisions – Susan Collins moved to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of Business Curriculum Revisions – Part One as proposed, Kim Hancock seconded. Motion carried.

C. Family and Consumer Science Curriculum Revisions – Katie Thomson moved to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of Family and Consumer Science Curriculum Revisions – Part One as proposed, Celia Banks seconded. Motion carried.

D. Honors Based Curriculum for SEHS BEACON Academy – Katie Thomson moved to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of the Honors Based Curriculum for SEHS BEACON Academy – Junior and Senior years as proposed, Wendy Molof seconded. Motion carried, one abstention.

III. Information Items

- A. Balanced Literacy Framework Survey Results - Susan Ali presenting. Dr. Ali shared the results of a survey taken by 683 teachers. The results of the Balanced Literacy Framework Survey are now posted on the intranet. Teachers and administrators can access the survey by logging on to the intranet and using the following navigation buttons located on the left-hand side of the screen: Resources – For Teachers – Literacy Resources. There are professional development dates scheduled over the summer for teachers, sign up is online through Coursewhere.
- B. Avid Update - Kelvin Lane presenting. The Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) program targets students in the academic middle–B, C, and even D students—who have the desire to go to college and the willingness to work hard. The purpose of AVID is to prepare students for college eligibility and success.

There was discussion by Council that perhaps sixth grade teachers could visit an AVID classroom in order to learn more about the program and to better understand the student selection process.

- C. RtI Update – Mary Henk, Anni Schneider, and Fran Stephens presenting. Focus continues on the infrastructure, common language, documentation, intervention and increased technology. The grant was re-written to enable the purchase of 40 carts with 15 laptops on each cart. Professional development in the area of RtI has been conducted along with the use of progress monitoring tools. The presenters reminded the council members that this is a process, not a program in a box. The presenting team mentioned the formation of an RtI District Reflection Team for next year.
- D. APEX - Lynn Glaser presenting. A sheet was distributed to Council indicating the next meeting of the APEX Planning Committee; agenda will include the expansion of the committee to include more teachers. The revised “Call to Committee” form will be used. Work is currently being done to determine how the APEX courses will be listed on transcripts. Council requested that this item be added to the Steering Committee for September for a more detailed presentation.

IV. Dialogue Topic

V. Other

Election of Steering Committee for 2011-2012 Instruction Council – Election of Steering Committee was conducted. Members of Instructional Council Steering Committee for 2011/2012 are:

Celia Banks

Jennifer McDonnell

Jan Booth

Dan Hoffman

Rosa Syphers

Lisa Whitmer

Lori Brandes/Denise Lockwald – will alternate attendance