



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

**JANUARY 19, 2012
8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
ESC, ROOM 240**

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendance

Members: Maria Aguinga, , Celia Banks, Lori Brandes, Susan Collins, Greg Crumpley, Terri DeDecker, Jill Flanagan, Heather Fodor, Raheem Hasan, Judy Havemann, Nadine Hill, Dan Hoffman, Tracy Jakaitis, Darlea Livengood, Jennifer McDonnell, Chris Medrano, Cyndee Rothamer, Rosa Syphers, Katie Thomson, Jennifer Williamson, Mary Wojtczak

Absent: Susan Ali, Barbara Bettis, Todd Graba, Perry Hayes, Denise Lockwald, Esperanza Ortiz, and Lisa Whitmer

Guests/Observers: Dr. José Torres

Presenters: Carol DePue, Sue Rucks

Welcome - Nan Ochs

Approval of 12/8/11 Minutes

Motion by Katie Thomson to approve the December 8, 2011 minutes, second by Susan Collins. Motion carried with one abstention.

I. Initial Presentations

The materials discussed for adoption were presented simultaneously as the technology needs would be the same for both courses. The final page of each course showed textbooks related to the Business courses and the Family and Consumer Science courses.

a. Business Curriculum Revisions - Carol DePue and Sue Rucks presenting. This is the second phase of this proposal, the first proposal dealt with the curriculum, new course titles and descriptions; this phase seeks approval of templates, common assessments and resource adoption. A primary focus of the resource selection was to identify strategies that would increase the use of instructional technology in the classroom to engage and motivate students, provide opportunities for individualized instruction based on learning needs, allow for more effective assessment, and provide time saving reporting and lesson planning tools for teachers. Recommended resource adoptions will provide a strong foundation for rigorous and relevant learning opportunities that prepare students for post-secondary and future career success.

b. Family and Consumer Science Curriculum Revisions - Carol DePue and Sue Rucks presenting.

II. Action Items

None

III. Information Items

a. Edmodo Demonstration – Jennifer McDonnell gave a brief overview of this free and secure social networking platform for teachers, students, parents and school administrators.

b. Response to Request (Updates)

Nan Ochs

1. Elementary Report Card Update – February
2. AVID Update - February
3. Math Update - March
4. Science (Secondary) – Initial/informational Update
5. RtI/SPED Update - March

IV. Dialogue Topic

None

V. Other

a. Exit Slip Responses – A copy of comments taken from the exit slips were distributed to all council members in their packet. Responses were handed out on questions pertaining to Title I, Title III and Dual Language.

b. Promoting equal voice for all members of I.C. (suggestion from exit slip) – Nan Ochs reminded council of the Collaborative Norms listed on the back of name plates.

COLLABORATIVE NORMS

- Equity of voice
- Active listening and participation
- Safety to share different perspectives
- Avoid side conversations

c. During discussion it was suggested that time be built into schedule to have discussion after the presenters leave the council room. It was suggested to allow approximately 15 minutes.

d. Steering committee recommended that text boxes be put around new material on presentations, which made it easier to identify changes that were made and new material that was being presented.

e. Council felt that after review of the exit slips, presenters should be informed by steering committee that it is alright to say they didn't have an answer to a question that might be asked by a council member and that they could get back to us.

f. Council requested that before the calendar for next year's Instructional Council is set that the January meeting be held after final exams. They would like to see a preliminary Council calendar for next year at the April meeting.

At 12:40 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by Susan Collins.