



SCHOOL DISTRICT U-46

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 17, 2012

8:30 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

ESC, ROOM 240

MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Attendance:

Members: Maria Aguinga, Celia Banks, Barbara Bettis, Lorie Brandes, Susan Collins, Terri DeDecker, Jill Flanagan, Heather Fodor, Todd Graba, Raheem Hasan, Perry Hayes, Nadine Hill, Dan Hoffman, Tracy Jakaitis, Darlea Livengood, Denise Lockwald, Chris Medrano, Jennifer McDonnell, Esperanza Ortiz, Cyndee Rothamer, Rosa Syphers, Katie Thomson, Mary Wojtczak

Absent: Susan Ali, Greg Crumpley, Judy Havemann, Lisa Whitmer, Jennifer Williamson

New Members: Mark Atkins, Kathy Duchaj, Carol Mammoser, Josefina Melendez, Claudia Sanchez

Guests/Observers: Dr. José Torres

Welcome & Farewell - Jennifer Bond bid a fond farewell to members who have completed their term on Instructional Council: Celia Banks, Lori Brandes, Susan Collins, Greg Crumpley, Jill Flanagan, Tracy Jakaitis, Darlea Livengood, and Rosa Syphers. Raheem Hasan had agreed to return to Council for another term.

Welcome to New Members Mark Atkins, Kathy Duchaj, Carol Mammoser, Josefina Melendez, and Claudia Sanchez

Jennifer Bond also announced that Nan Ochs will not be serving on Council next year and is being replaced by Jennifer McDonnell.

Good Luck and Thank You to all Council Members, leaving, returning and continuing on.

Approval of Minutes - Jennifer Bond – After discussion with members of council, it was determined that the April 19, 2012 minutes would be amended to eliminate members names and shorten up content. The minutes will be presented, along with the May 17, 2012 minutes at the first I.C. meeting of the 2012/2013 school year on September 20, 2012.

I. Initial Presentations

None

II. Action Items

- A: AP Human Geography - Ray Denning was present to answer any questions remaining on the proposal that was presented in April. There were no further questions. Susan Collins motioned to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of AP Human Geography and materials as proposed, Cyndee Rothamer seconded, motion passed.
- B: AP Microeconomics - Ray Denning present to answer questions on this proposal. One council member wanted the proposal to clearly state that this course does not meet graduation requirements for economics. There being no further discussion, Susan Collins motioned to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of AP Microeconomics and materials as proposed, Mary Wojtczak seconded, motion passed.
- C: Health Care Science Education and Technology Education Curriculum Revisions - Carol DePue present to answer questions. The purpose of this proposal was to revise the curriculum, request approval to replace current course sequences, titles and course descriptions.

Todd Graba motioned to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of curriculum, replacement of current course sequences, titles and course descriptions as proposed. Dan Hoffman seconded.

A council member questioned the costs of technology and funding of projects. There was considerable discussion regarding funding for this and other projects coming to Instructional Council. This has been an ongoing concern among several council members, however, the purpose of I.C. is to review and make recommendations to the Superintendent who then proceeds to present to the Board of Education.

A council member motioned to close the debate, there being no objections, debate closed.

Todd Graba motioned to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of curriculum, replacement of current course sequences, titles and course descriptions as proposed. Raheem Hasan seconded. Motion carried.

- D: Mandarin Instructional Materials - Mark Atkins present to address questions. Presenter was asked how a class could be offered without money to purchase technology and it was stated that there were options. Textbooks would be used in place of proposed technology purchase in the proposal.

Todd Graba motioned to recommend to the Superintendent the adoption of materials for Mandarin 1-2 course being offered at the World Languages & International Studies Academy at Streamwood High School, as proposed, second by Susan Collins.

Discussion followed.

There were also concerns regarding access points at Streamwood High School, another concern was allowing students to take home the iPad and possibly surfing the web to inappropriate sites. The iPads that are being proposed would have to have a management system on all devices that would block such surfing.

Again there were concerns on funding, and not being applicable to all students. Because this is an Academy course, that is not a relevant concern. The biggest concern was the technology piece and annual recurring costs.

A council member indicated that these iPads would not be purchased if the management device was not installed and if there were not enough wireless access points.

Todd Graba withdrew his motion, Susan Collins seconded.

The recommendation to the Superintendent would be the adoption of Mandarin 1-2 instructional materials with the addition of device management software and wireless access points for the classroom. Cyndee Rothamer seconded. Voting on the proposal was as follows: ten (10) for, five (5) opposed and five (5) abstaining, motion carried.

III. Information Items

- A: Speech/Drama at Eastview and Tefft Middle Schools - Dr. Torres addressed the council regarding their concerns about this course being offered at these two middle schools. The procedures for implementation of a new course were not followed. The course was not presented to Instructional Council and Dr. Torres stated that this course would not run during the 2012-2013 school year and future implementation could not take place until the process is followed.

A council member thanked Nan & Jennifer for following up and bringing this to Dr. Torres' attention.

IV. Dialogue Topic

A one point between presentations, Jennifer McDonnell informed I.C. that she has received a draft of the next generation science standards. There are workshops being planned for teachers and she will be sending out registration information.

Common Core training schedule for this summer has been sent out; they are looking for 2 teachers from each school.

Jennifer Bond announced to council that Nan Ochs would not be serving on council next year and Jennifer McDonnell will be filling the position.

Review of Exit Slips – exit slips were reviewed.

V. Other

- a. Agenda Summary and Wrap UP
- b. Completion of Exit Slips