

Curriculum Review Committee Agenda and Minutes

January 29, 2013

Members in Attendance:

Agenda:

1. Minutes from November, posted on website
2. Update on: Strategic Objective 1 from CRSS School Board Strategic Planning (*By the December 2012 Board meeting, CRSS will have a Board adopted curriculum framework that describes the K-8 curriculum from a macro to micro level.*)
 - a. Staff work on November Early Dismissal and November Curriculum Day
 - b. Subject level document identifying curriculum strands and their progression K-8
 - c. Parent friendly document for each grade level related to curriculum goals
 - d. Annual update of curriculum maps that include a scope and sequence that address State of Minnesota standards
3. Common Core (English Language Arts) update
4. Inclusive Education on Curriculum Review Cycle
5. Next meeting February 26, 2013

Minutes for January 29th

Members in Attendance: Caren Putrah, Jenny Trapp, Deb Scheil, guest Steve LeDuc

1. Reviewed November minutes. Made note that the December 18th meeting was canceled.
2. Deb shared the materials created so far for meeting Objective 1 from the School Board Strategic Planning session. The parts of the model include:
 - a. Philosophy overview for the subject as worked on by staff. The work for Math, Science, Social Studies is complete. English Language Arts is yet to be finished.
 - b. A grid showing the progression of each subject from K to 8 in each of the four strands that the subject is broken in to. This has formatting to be done and a final review by the faculty.
 - c. A September through May grid for each grade level showing the topics/units that will be covered throughout the year.
 - d. The Minnesota Standards for that subject
 - e. The CRSS curriculum maps for that subject. Updating these maps will be the focus of a spring early dismissal.
3. The last part of the Strategic Objective discussion was in regard to a Parent Friendly Document that would aid parents/guardians in understanding the expectations or work of a particular grade level. There was much discussion and suggestions for how these might be formatted and the material they might contain. The group felt that it was still a good idea to pursue.
4. Deb shared two examples of materials that support the goal of the Minnesota English Language Arts Standards which are based on the Common Core State Standards. One document teachers received showed the connection between literature and the Everyday Mathematics Series. The

second document teachers will be receiving showing the standards and suggested books that meet the complexity level of the standards; this was created by Scholastic.

5. Deb presented the Inclusive Education Coordination Standards and the CRSS Inclusive Education Document. Inclusive Education was placed on the review cycle for summer of 2013. Deb asked the committee to look at the CRSS plan and consider following the plan's timeline which would be to have it go before the school board in 2015-2016. The staff would, however, do the annual review of the plan. The committee will discuss this item at the next meeting.
6. The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 19, 2013. The focus of the meeting will be to review the Inclusive Education Plan and make a recommendation to the school board. We will then revisit the parent friendly documents concept perhaps with a prototype. The next curriculum area for the group to begin reviewing is mathematics.

Please note that the meeting date is changed from February 26, 2013 to February 19, 2013. The time will remain 1:00 – 2:30 in the teacher workroom area at Old Main.