

Curriculum Review Committee
April 29, 2014

Agenda:

1. Review of March minutes
2. Suggested changes to the curriculum review cycle
3. MCA update
4. Suggested changes to the Curriculum Review Committee schedule
5. Recommendations for new members
6. Next meeting May 20

Minutes April 29, 2014

1. March minutes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Deb presented a draft change to the curriculum review cycle. Discussion and suggestions followed that she will incorporate into a proposal to give to Nalani McCutcheon and the School Board. The proposal looks as follows:
 - a. First year on the Adoption/Review Schedule (Jenny called it the research phase):
 - i. Review best practice for that discipline
 - ii. Read current literature
 - iii. Focus staff development on charting curriculum looking especially for gaps and overlaps, reviewing state standards and MCA test specifications, defining alternate assessments, determining materials needed, and identifying groups of students that may need alternative measures to succeed
 - iv. Review previous maps and begin changing these maps
 - b. Second year on the Adoption/Review Schedule (implementing and fine tuning phase):
 - i. Focus staff development on review of the previous year's work in the discipline, adding more knowledge about specific pieces of the discipline identified as needs previously
 - ii. Monthly/bimonthly time at staff meetings to do mapping. Especially focusing on adding specific items – i.e. adding literature connections to math, or writing examples to science
 - iii. In June/July of the second year the maps are elevated to the curriculum guide
 - c. Third year on the Adoption/Review Schedule (implementing and analyzing):
 - i. Staff development is occasional revisiting of the discipline to check on progress
 - ii. Compare assessment data over time for cohorts – accountability piece
3. The MCA reading tests for grades 3-8 are completed and ready to be sent in. Grades 3, 4, and 6 have completed the math MCAs with the other grades finishing this week. Science MCAs for 5 and 8 are next week.
4. Deb presented a draft change to the Curriculum Review Committee schedule for 2014-2015 that she will incorporate into a second proposal to give to Nalani McCutcheon and the School Board. There is still research to be done to see if this meets the intent and letter of the law. The proposal looks as follows:
 - a. September – review summer work, begin review of next topics in the review cycle
 - b. October – present MCA/NWEA data, have technology staff present
 - c. November – review second year disciplines, have social studies presentation
 - d. 2015 February – NWEA data, begin looking at the next disciplines up for review – music
 - e. March – have art presentation

- f. April – “approve” second year disciplines (this year it would have been the ELA/Science), have a presentation on Health/P.E. and review any findings from math data review. The schedule reduces the number of meetings from 9 to 6 which would stay the same from year to year. The examples before the first comma would be constant from year to year and the pieces after the comma change depending on the review schedule for curriculum. Additional items on the monthly agendas would be added as determined by the curriculum leader or the members of the committee.
5. Ideas for recruiting additional members to the committee included using the monthly newsletter, asking the Raptor League, and making recommendations through personal connections.
6. Next meeting is not the last Tuesday and will be May 20th.

Members present: Jenny Trapp, Sherry Benson, Deb Scheil