

## **Curriculum Review Committee December 17, 2013**

### **Agenda:**

1. Review of November minutes
2. Additional interview reports if needed
3. Curriculum Mapping update
4. Needs Assessment and Continuous Improvement Plan
5. Weekly Peek discussion

### **Minutes December 17, 2013**

1. November minutes were reviewed and accepted.
2. Jenny reported on the interviews that she conducted. Areas that were mentioned were technical writing skills, math skills, problem solving ability, and public speaking. From the discussion about interviews some ideas for potential future events were generated: survey for parents about job skills and a career day for middle school students.
3. Reported that time was spent during the December Early Dismissal on mapping the math units done so far this year. Teachers also are working with a form to help ensure the science units are integrated with the English language arts standards. Teachers will also work with a different format as they begin reviewing and reworking the ELA maps. Deb shared the professional development materials and the November technology training provided to help staff. Following the update the discussion focused on additional experiences and field trips that might be included in the maps.
4. Reviewed the Continuous Improvement Plan and highlighted the areas that have worked on over the past weeks. In particular, individual reading assessments for each 5th through 8th grader were completed. From these assessment observations there will be teacher adjustments to curriculum and additional tutoring assignments. The discussion that followed focused on potential ways to expand the volunteer base particularly for the Middle School age group. This will be on the next agenda.
5. Shared the list of ways she felt CRSS communicated with families during the first and second trimesters. The first trimester has multiple opportunities for information being shared with families. The second trimester has fewer. Each month the newsletter is generated from the office and each week individual classrooms are sending home information in either a weekly peek or a planner. Each committee member took one stack of weekly peeks to look through prior to the next meeting. The goal would be to write points you particularly found helpful in the peeks and points that were less helpful. This information can then be shared with staff as they work to improve the weekly/daily communications that go home from CRSS to families.

Members present: Marilyn Bongers, Sherry Benson, Jenny Trapp, Caren Putrah, Deb Scheil, Nalani McCutcheon

Next meeting will be January 28, 2014