

Curriculum Review Committee Agenda and Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Agenda:

1. Review March minutes
2. Earth Week
3. Campus naturalist – Overview of position/projects to date.
How this supports our mission and curriculum
4. Math – final portfolio
MCA math update
5. Curriculum mapping training with TIES
6. Next meeting - May 28, 2013

April Minutes:

1. March minutes are acceptable
2. Deb shared the participant list from the Earth Week Fair, thanked the parent volunteers who helped to make the connections, and showed the website for the University of Minnesota graduate students who are doing work with robotics and invasive carp.
3. Elaine Loranz shared the projects she has been working on as the Campus Naturalist. She shared student work and potential projects. Discussion followed about connecting the data that will be connected to other real life experiences (weather station to airplane flight), about introducing the career paths associated with the projects, and ways to inform our families about the projects.
4. The almost final math portfolio will be an item on the May Early Dismissal agenda. This portfolio card will be a way for teachers to get a quick glimpse of a student's strengths and weaknesses in the four math strands, the NWEA scores, the MCA scores and the End of the Year Assessment scores.
Deb reviewed the MCA testing issue with problems logging on or having tests interrupted.
5. A small representative group of staff will work with a consultant on the TIES Eclipse Curriculum Mapping. They will be getting up to date on improvements in the software and helping to chart the direction for the mapping as it relates to the curriculum review cycle.
6. The May 28, 2013 meeting will not be held since two of the committee members will not be able to attend.
7. A short discussion concluded the meeting about ways to encourage families to help students keep reading and math skills over the summer. Email blasts, a note from the teacher with specific items to work on, and ideas about what is coming in the grade ahead.

Respectfully submitted,
Deb Scheil