

Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Held at North Boone District Office

6248 North Boone School Road

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Thursday, May 18, 2017 at 3:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:49 p.m. by Mr. Joe Haverly. The following Committee members were present: Tami Doetch (arrived 4:38), Kristi Franseen, Dr. Greenlee, Kelly Hanaman, Brian Haselhorst, Joe Haverly, Molly Lilja, Heather Walsh (arrived 4:38) and Mike Winebrenner. Absent: Jake Hubert, Melissa Nachampassack, Julia Cheek, Mary Piskie, Liz Saveley and Tracy Schabacker.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(None)

MAPS GROWTH

Mrs. Lilja provided and described growth summaries of the MAPS charts. She mentioned we could try winter to winter testing, and noted more teachers could use MAPS if we went with that timeframe. Mrs. Lilja will pull reports to compare and Dr. Greenlee will work with the Administrators. Mrs. Hanaman stated if we want to make changes in our district, we may want to consider a separate Curriculum Coordinator instead of the split structure we have.

SCIENCE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mrs. Lilja described recommended, written, taught and assessed curriculum. She noted standards dictate new ways of teaching. Mr. Winebrenner felt we have to prioritize and pick an emphasis.

Mrs. Lilja said feedback suggested teachers need more written curricular support material. She shared they had finished the pilot and gathered teacher feedback for grades 6-8. The team found one pilot worked much better than the other and have selected McGraw Hill.

She stated the high school has newer materials, and said going forward they will have at least semester meetings for curricular guide creation.

The Committee discussed the issue of students entering 5th grade arrive with different experiences from each elementary school. Mrs. Lilja noted kindergarten does a great job of working together. Mrs. Franseen shared they restructured math and supplemented with hands-on experiences. Mr. Winebrenner felt vertical articulation was necessary. Mrs. Walsh suggested having a list of what grades need to master which skills, feeling that would help Administrators oversee the process. Mr. Winebrenner suggested an effective approach of collaboration, instead of evaluation, may be better received.

AP COURSE DISCUSSION

Mr. Haverly asked about the plan to help with AP scores. Dr. Greenlee said per Mr. Hubert, we sometimes push students forward into higher level classes for a challenge. He said at this point, students in AP classes are required to take AP exams. Mr. Winebrenner asked if students were being placed in AP properly, when grades and performance suggest otherwise. He noted we had a lot of turnover with high school counselors, who in the past have helped make placement decisions. The Committee agreed that sometimes students are placed in AP due to parent requests. Mrs. Walsh recognized we are losing some of the best and brightest to Running Start. She stated when she was at the high school, they would factor MAPS, grades and personality, etc., before placing students in AP classes. Mr. Winebrenner acknowledged AP teacher turnover at the high school is high and that may also be a contributing factor.

Mr. Haverly asked why 63% of AP test failures received an A in the class. Dr. Greenlee agreed to look into the situation.

TECH LONG TERM PLANNING

Dr. Greenlee stated he is working with Jerry Rudolph from IT and Jeremy Doetch from them the North Boone Education Foundation on a joint fundraiser to get more technology into the classrooms.

The NBEF discussed the desire for 5 stations in each classroom at the K-6 level, as well as a set of computers which would cost around \$75K. Mr. Winebrenner provided an example of how he held costs down in the past. He stated with so much material online, he had purchased a classroom set of 33 social studies texts and a site license, instead of 150 textbooks.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

(none)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting is TBA.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Haverly, Chair