

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

2:00 p.m.

January 7, 2016

District Office

- Members Present: Stuart Long, Janelle Liermann, Bob Runge
- Others Present: Deb Sixel, Corey Baumgartner, Louise Blankenheim, Sheila Lefeber, Dawn Mueller, Gretchen Mineau, Alyssa Bohlmann, Travis Olson
- Call to Order Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m.
- Course Proposals Corey Baumgartner provided an overview of the high school building goal. He emphasized that it is a big goal and there is a need to do more now. The course change proposals for math and literacy are being requested now as data shows these are the areas with the biggest gaps. Intervention time would increase from 35 minutes 4 days a week to 84 minutes 5-days a week. Enrollment in the class is by placement only and will be mandatory. These courses will be for incoming freshmen and select sophomore students. Teachers have identified specific criteria (teacher recommendation, previous academic failure, below grade level test scores on standardized assessments) to determine which students will be placed in the course. Those participating will receive elective credit. The class will be offered first semester only as there are other options available such as the math resource room. The high school goal is to ensure all kids are successful, especially special ed/at risk students.
- Both the math and literacy teachers indicated that skills would be personalized for students using both large and small group rotations, skill modeling, and other supports.
- Curriculum members expressed their support of both proposals and will recommend to the full Board for approval.
- Academic Standards A requirement of Act 55 includes board approval of KASD Academic Standards as well as a notice being sent to all parents regarding the standards. Dr. Sixel shared the document that will be provided to parents. Upon review, curriculum members would like to see more detail provided as the document is very generic. Dr. Sixel shared an example of essential/power standards that staff is currently working on. The curriculum members suggested that once these standards are completed they are shared on the website for parents and the community.

The curriculum committee will recommend to the full Board approval of the KASD Academic Standards.

PLC Conference

Curriculum members will check their calendars to see if they can participate in the PLC conferences on either August 3-5 (Illinois) or 17-19 (Wisconsin).

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 18th at 8:00 a.m. and the agenda will include Math and NGSS standards

The March meeting is scheduled for March 17th from 8:00-11:00 a.m. to discuss curriculum and its impact to instruction and staffing. Updates on closing the gaps will also be presented. Shawna, Amber, Jen Garty, and the principals will be invited to this meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 3:26 p.m.