

CAC Minutes from Monday, December 1, 2008

Present: Kathy Griebel, John Hakes, Bill Nara, Ana Maria Kelly, Lisa Uiki, Julie Wikelius, Jeremy Squires, Karen Fox, Penny Howard, Rich Rosivach, Day Schaffer, Jill Arendt, RoAnne Elliott

Absent: Jeanie Katovich, Karen Seevers, Dawn Wiley, Michael Yates, Lisa Marquis, Michelle Hultberg, Robert Barmore, Julie Barmore, Joyce Yoshimura, Ana Ehrenberg, Karen Kozen, Laura Frink, Ruth Tharldson, Aldo Cantellano, Mee Xiong Yang, Teri Nelson, Lisa Vervena, Paul Good

Social Studies

Emily Strom a student from MV shared her experience with SS at the high school.

- Peers could've used more AP classes

- Would've liked AP World History

- Has had a great experience

Lori Schroeder a student from ID had the chance to take AP World and AP European History.

MV and ID offer different courses

Minimum requirement for 9-12 graders is 3.5 credits, many students take more.

High School Social Studies contact teachers Kay Schaffer and Rich Rosivach shared the following:

- 5 sets of Standards in high school need to be met in 4 years

- ID has common assessments in all core courses

- MV Microecon is offered as an after school class

Middle School Social Studies contact teacher Jeremy Squires shared the following:

- Last year middle school teachers developed a curriculum map to create a common assessment. They stopped due to the upcoming review of SS.

 - Currently taught

 - 6th grade MN History/Ancient History

 - 7th Western Hemisphere/Intro to Geography

 - 8th Eastern Hemisphere and Regional studies

Elementary Social Studies contact teacher Sharon Kjellberg shared the following:

- K-2 Expanding Horizons type of curriculum, can integrate SS with other curricular areas

- Some SS standards are aligned with the new reading series

- We need to teach skills with the content

- Many teachers integrate novel units into SS

Integration Collaborative (RoAnne Elliott)

Many districts belong to a collaborative

MV is looking into one with North St Paul and Mahtomedi

It will allow MV to address our diversity needs

Access more resources

RoAnne has been meeting with the other districts since September

Possible goals of joining a collaborative: (are being written now)

- Increase student achievement

- Offer more rigorous courses

Band and orchestra in all demographics
Intercultural leadership experiences for our students
Leadership/teacher leader opportunities
Final deadline is middle of April. North St. Paul will submit their plan and wait for approval. MV and Mahtomedi will submit plans that we would like to collaborate with North St. Paul.

We would like to build a new parent group for the collaborative that is representative of the communities we serve.

World Language

Focus Forum was on November 18, 2008 at the school board meeting, board heard community input.

January 12, 2009 from 6pm-7pm RoAnne Elliott will be holding the 2nd CAC Sub committee meeting focusing on World Language. All are welcome to attend

Next CAC meeting is February 2, 2009