

Curriculum Advisory Committee Minutes September 8, 2008

Present: Jeanie Katovich, Karen Seevers, Joyce Yoshimura-Rank, Laura Frink, Julie Wikelius, Paul Good, Penny Howard, Ruth Tharldson, Aldo Cantellano, Mee Xiong Yoy, Jill Arendt, and RoAnne Elliott

Absent: Kathy Griebel, Dawn Wiley, Lisa Marquis, Michelle Hultberg, Robert Barmore, Julie Barmore, John Hakes, Anastasia Ehrenberg, Tim Kozen, Karen Kozen and Karen Fox.

Emphasis this year for CAC

- New Science Standards from the state
- K-12 Social Studies Curriculum review
- World Language added to elementary and middle school
- Integration Collaboration
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Integration Collaboration

The District is working with NSP and Mahtomedi districts to develop a plan which will allow the three Districts to share ideas and resources for addressing the needs and providing opportunities for our increasingly diverse student populations. The plans must be submitted to the MN Dept of Ed for approval in the spring. Once plans are approved the MDE provides funding for the collaborative to implement the programs and services described in the plan. The districts are in the early stage of developing the plan and only broad goals have been discussed to date--these goals focus on increasing student achievement and opportunity, and increasing staff ability to effectively interact with and teach all students. There will be more detailed information about the collaborative plan at the December meeting.

World Language

The committee discussed the addition of a World Language in 4th – 8th grades. One language would be introduced to grades 4-8 that is currently taught in the high school. Another language would be added at the high school level. We broke out into groups to discuss World Language and created a list of questions/topics to discuss.

- How will the language be selected?
- Would new language impact budget?
- What language would be added at high school?

Upcoming meeting dates:

October 6, 2008

December 1, 2008

February 2, 2008

April 6, 2008