

Curriculum Advisory Committee Minutes for October 6, 2008  
Submitted by Jill Arendt

Present: Kathy Griebel, Jeanie Katovich, Karen Seevers, Dawn Wiley, John Hakes, Laura Frink, Karen Fox, Paul Good, Tina Tanner, Penny Howard, Aldo Cantellano, Mee Xiong Yoy, Stacy Vanderport, Susan Herder, Jill Arendt, RoAnne Elliott

Absent: Michael Yates, Lisa Marquis, Michelle Hultberg, Karen Kozen, Tim Kozen, Ruth Tharaldson, Julie Wikelius, Robert Barmore, Julie Barmore, Joyce Yoshimura-Rank and Ana Ehrenberg.

**Information Technology**

Susan Herder (Middle school Math and Science Contact Teacher) and Stacy Vanderport (Turtle Lake Teacher) showed the classroom uses of a Smartboard. They also talked about LCD projectors being used in the classroom. They showed the committee how useful the Smartboard is and how interactive it is in teaching and learning. Committee members also had the chance to use the airliner that can be used by students at their desk to control the Smartboard.

**Science House**

Susan Herder shared with the committee Mounds Views commitment to Science. We are becoming Science House members, which will allow teachers to check out equipment from Science House and use it in their classrooms. Science House also offers classes to teachers to enhance the teaching of Science. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mounds View teachers and students. Elementary Science Specialists and classroom teachers will have the opportunity to take advantage of the Science House opportunities too.

**World Language**

RoAnne Elliott shared with the committee the World Language updates. She stated that Spanish will most likely be the language chosen, it will be added to 4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade. Another language will be added at the high school. Many members shared thoughts and concerns on this topic. The definition of proficiency became a topic of conversation, and how the model will look at elementary and middle school. Tina Tanner (World Language contact teacher) was also available to answer questions.

**Future Meetings:** December 1, 2008; February 2, 2008; April 6, 2008

**CAC Curriculum Updates  
October 6, 2008**

<b>Science</b>	The state released a draft of the new standards on September 12. We are working on looking over these standards and working to realign them with the district curriculum. Elementary is working to see where the standard/benchmark is met: classroom or specialist.
<b>Social Studies</b>	Working as a committee with contact teachers to create a document that shows the flow of concepts, process & skills, and vocabulary K-12.
<b>Math</b>	5 <sup>th</sup> and 6 <sup>th</sup> grade math teachers met to look over the Everyday Math and Holt curriculums. We created a list of vocabulary from the MAP tests, and the MCA and found where it was taught in each curriculum. <b>Math &amp; Science Teacher Center</b> Through a \$1.6 million dollar award from the Minnesota Department of Education, a <i>Math and Science Teacher Center</i> has been created for Region 11 (the Twin Cities Metro area). Nearly 500 math teachers in 56 schools from 33 school districts will receive significant support for professional development through this proposal. This project is funded by a legislative appropriation through the Minnesota Department of Education and a grant from the National Governors Association.

	<p>All Middle School math teachers will attend five days of training and participate in professional learning communities between training days to deepen their understanding of concepts.</p> <p>The kickoff was at the Minneapolis Convention Center on September 23.</p>
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