

Minutes from Social Studies Curriculum Review Committee

October 24, 2008

Present: Kay Schaffer, Rich Rosivach, Jeremy Squires, Sharon Kjellberg, Jill Arendt, RoAnne Elliott, Pat St Peter

Discussed what teachers see as essential.

Irondale

Keep State Standards, Integrate 21st century skills

Middle School- call it Social Studies and then fill in the concepts

Element of each state standard each year

Consistency

Moundview

Academic skills/study skills

Same level of consistency

More government systems needed

Assessment

Integrate themes/skills

Middle School

Kids come to middle school with lots of geography skills

Can do literal-lack of higher level thinking

Need critical thinking, analysis

Elementary

All wanted geography

4-5 interested in critical thinking skills

Like idea of skills concepts progression

Don't have materials, teachers need to prepare everything

What is going to be used to support what teachers need to teach

Discussed 10 National Themes

Skills and Strategies

1. Literacy Skill
2. Critical Thinking skills
3. Learning strategies
4. Personal Interaction and Civic Engagement Strategies

Need to plug skills and strategies into the content

Discussion of organizational framework. Created chart of what is happening now and what the proposed alignment is.

Set next meeting as December 11, 2008 at 4:30. All sub group members should be present.