

**MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
October 22, 2003
Nichols School – District Office Board Room**

Committee Members Present: Bill Bland, Phil McDade, Tim O'Connor

Committee Members Absent: Kathy Bultman, Cathy Gilmore-Nelson

Also Present: Gary Schumacher, Bill Breisch, John Faust, John Kitslaar

- I. Call to Order –Bill Bland, filling in for Kathy Bultman the Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Declaration of Public Notice – Gary Schumacher confirmed that public notice had been declared for the meeting.
- III. Public Appearances – There were no public appearances.
- IV. Approval of the Minutes from the August 20, 2003 Meeting – Phil McDade moved to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2003 meeting. Tim O'Connor seconded. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- V. Director of Instruction Report – Bill Breisch reported.
 - A. Administration of WKCE Testing – Administration of the WKCE test to tenth grade students at the high school will be on November 6th and 7th, 2003. Ninth, eleventh, and twelfth grade students will not be reporting to school on those days until 11:30 AM which allows the tenth grade students to take the test in lieu of their morning classes.
 - B. Teacher Mentor Program – A \$20,000 DPI grant has been awarded to the Monona Grove and Waunakee School Districts to hire four mentors (two from each school district) to work with the first time teachers. A Collaborative Assessment Log was introduced to the Committee which will be used by the mentors.
 - C. English as a Second Language – Presently the school district is serving 27 students at the six school sites. A Home Language Survey will be sent home with students which will help the district identify families where a language other than English is spoken at home. The district is advertising for a part-time ESL Educational Assistant which will provide additional support to the ESL teacher at Maywood, Nichols, and Winnequah Middle School.
 - D. Purposes, Amount and Use of Student Assessment Data (School Board Goal) – A workshop, Climbing the Data Ladder, will be presented by Northwest Evaluation Association to selected staff members from the Monona Grove, Janesville, and Sun Prairie school districts. The two-day workshop, on October 27 and 28, 2003, will focus on interpreting data from the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP).
 - E. Assessment/Grading Task Force – The Assessment/Grading Task Force met earlier this evening, October 22, 2003, and worked on grading guidelines. A representative from University of Wisconsin admissions will be presenting at the next task force meeting.
 - F. Mathematics – The Math Committee will be meeting to review and monitor the new math curriculum being used for the first time this school year.
 - G. Social Studies – An inventory of globes/maps used in the classrooms K-12 has been scheduled. Seventh grade materials will be the next area of study for the Committee.
- VI. District Media Selection Policy and Classroom Use of Videos

Mr. Breisch suggested that our procedure be changed to reflect that staff members should consult with the IMC Director at their building before showing any filmstrips, videos, etc. This procedure will be reviewed and revised by the administration and then presented to the Personnel/Policy Committee for further review.
- VII. Other Agenda Items – There were no other agenda items.
- VIII. Set Date and Time for Next Meeting – The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, November 19, 2003 – 6:00 p.m. – Nichols School – District Office Board Room.
- IX. Adjournment – Phil McDade moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim O'Connor seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Recorded by,

Bev Kalish