

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009, Glacial Drumlin School IMC at 7:22 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil McDade, Susan Fox, Mike DuPlayee

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Miller, Randy Parvin

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Craig Gerlach, Bill Breisch

I. Opening of Meeting – Phil McDade, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:22P.M.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes From the December 17, 2008, Committee Meeting

Mike DuPlayee moved Approval of the Minutes from the December 17, 2008, Curriculum Committee Meeting and Randy Parvin seconded. Motion carried.

Phil McDade asked to rearrange the agenda. After each segment there will be question and answer time.

IV. Public Appearances - none

V. Overview of Science Assessment Results - Ed O'Connor, Director of Continuous Improvement and Assessment

Ed O'Connor walked through his handout titled Monona Grove School District High School Science Program Student Outcome Data February 2008. This handout included charts that compared Monona Grove to other high performing districts using the ACT, WKCE-CRT, EXPLORE and PLAN results. Bill Breisch talked the committee through the handout called Wisconsin Class of 2008 and Monona Grove Classes of 2008 and 2009. This handout compares percentages of students scoring "Proficient" or "Advanced" on the WKCE-CRT to students scoring "College Ready" on the ACT.

VI. Development of GK-12 National Science Foundation Grant Proposal (Grades 4-12)

Greta Zenner, Director, Interdisciplinary Education Group
Materials Research Science and Engineering Center on
Nanostructured Interfaces
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Kevin Niemi, Outreach Program Manager, Center for Biology Education
Director, Wisconsin Teacher Enhancement Program (WisTEP)
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Greta Zenner and Kevin Niemi gave a very thorough explanation of the National Science Foundation Grant (GK-12). Their discussion included their roles in the grant proposal. The full proposal is due in early July 2009, and the notification of grant acceptance could take six months. If successful, work would begin in the Spring/Summer 2010. This grant would run through the end of the 2014-2015 school year.

VII. Admissions Criteria and Process – University of Wisconsin-Madison

Tom Reason, Associate Director, Admissions, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Freshman admissions representative for Monona Grove High School

Tom Reason outlined the University of Wisconsin-Madison admission criteria and process. in admission process. The handouts called Freshman Admission Expectations 2009-10 and Report on the Class of 1008 were distributed. Discussion included the use of Advanced Placement test results, Grade Point Average weighting as well as the subjective and objective things taken into account for admission.

- VIII. Discussion of Monona Grove High School Science Courses and Areas of Study
Staff members from Monona Grove High School Science Department
Mr. Sharpe, Ms. North-Hester, Ms. Frontier, Ms. Crase, Mr. Zebell, Mr. Brost.

Mr. Sharpe led the discussion with a PowerPoint presentation. The Monona Grove Science Department course offerings were explained as well as which topics in the current biology course offerings match the topics addressed in the College Board's Advanced Placement Biology course outline. Monona Grove High School's guiding principles for science are the ACT College Readiness Standards for Science.

- IX. Establish Next Meeting Date March 18, 2008 Nichols School District Office Board Room.

- X. Adjournment

Mike DuPlayee moved that the meeting be adjourned. Randy Parvin seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:34P.M.