

**MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
JOINT CURRICULUM COMMITTEE & PERSONNEL & POLICY COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2005
Nichols School – District Office Board Room**

Committee Members Present: Teresa Adams, Kathy Bultman, Sue Carr, Mike DuPlayee, John Kitslaar, Tim O'Connor, Laura Toso

Also Present: Nancy Allen, Bill Breisch, Paul Brost, John Weinberger

- I. Call to Order –Kathy Bultman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
- II. Declaration of Public Notice – Bill Breisch 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 February 16, 2005, Curriculum Committee Meeting – Mike DuPlayee moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2005 Curriculum Committee Meeting. Tim O'Connor seconded. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- V. Approval of the Minutes from the February 16, 2005, Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting – Teresa Adams moved to approve the minutes of the February 16, 2005 Personnel & Policy Committee Meeting. Mike DuPlayee seconded. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Monona Grove High School Graduation Requirements – Paul Brost reported that in follow up to the December 15, 2004 Curriculum Committee meeting, he has gathered data regarding area high school's graduation requirements. After his discussions with high school staff, he recommends raising the number of required credits from 22 to 24. The committee discussed the data Dr. Brost provided in the committee handouts. Tim O'Connor suggested that he work with Dr. Brost to gather and review data from post-secondary placement tests for schools in the state university system. After discussion, the committee suggested that the number of credits needed to graduate remain at 22 and be reviewed next year.
- VII. Update on Monona Grove High School Grading Policy – Bill Breisch reported. The high school and middle school staff continue to meet to address how the change in grading will be instituted in 2005-06. Paul Brost reported that high school staff have been meeting to develop strategies such as; how to motivate students, help struggling students, and how to relay information to parents and students via several modes of communication, including: newsletter articles, parent presentations. Bill Breisch reported that Ken O'Connor will be in the district on April 28, 2005 - elementary staff will meet with him in the morning and high school/middle school staff in the afternoon. Mr. O'Connor will then make a presentation to parents at the high school in the evening.
- VIII. Set Date and Time for Next Meetings – The next Personnel & Policy Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20 – 6:00 p.m.; the next Curriculum Committee meeting will be held on April 20 – 7:15 p.m.
- IX. Adjournment – Kathy Bultman moved to adjourn the meeting. Teresa Adams seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Recorded by,

Kim Hallock