

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, March 26, 2008, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 7:15pm.  
BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman, Mike DuPlayee, Phil McDade  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Carr, Tim O'Connor  
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Bill Breisch, Gary Schumacher, Paul Brost

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I. Opening of Meeting – Kathy Bultman, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:20pm.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes of the January 16, 2008, Committee Meeting

Phil McDade moved approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2008, Curriculum Committee Meeting. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Public Appearances - none

V. Discussion and Possible Approval of Curriculum Proposal: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music – Bill Breisch, Paul Backstrom, Nancy Evans, Jim Frisque, Jill Jensen, Janice Stone, and Kathy Punwar, Sennett Middle School music teacher

Bill Breisch explained the background of the general music proposal and how our district has not been in compliance with DPI's standards with respect to offering a general music class at 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Area school districts offer 6<sup>th</sup> grade general music. The music staff began the presentation with additional handouts and a Power Point describing their study of what would be the best quality, most engaging way to deliver general music to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. They proposed using Yamaha's Music in Education Program with 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade general music classes.

Lengthy discussion included many comments and questions about the need to study priorities in middle school programming for students and whether the DPI requirement could be met by requiring (not making it an elective) all 6<sup>th</sup> grade students to take one of the current 6<sup>th</sup> grade performance music classes (band, orchestra, or choir). 675 MG students (grades 3-6) would be able to use the Yamaha Music in Education program during 2008-09 through having one system at Glacial Drumlin for the entire school year and having the second system shared on a semester basis between Winnequah and Cottage Grove Schools. Bill Breisch handed out a revised funding sheet. Curriculum and Instruction and some building budget money would cover half the cost with the school district covering the other half.

Kathy Bultman moved approval of Curriculum Proposal: 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade General Music. Tim O'Connor seconded. The motion failed on a 3 to 2 vote.

VI. Establish Next Meeting Date

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be April 16, 2008, 7:15p.m. at Cottage Grove School Distance Learning Center.

VII. Adjournment

Phil McDade moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:05pm.