

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, May 23, 2007, in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room, Starting at 6:05 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil McDade, Mike DuPlayee, Kathy Bultman

COMMUNITY MEMBER PRESENT: Sue Carr, Tim O'Connor

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Gary Schumacher, Barb Berg, Bill Breisch, Connie Haessly

OTHERS PRESENT: John Kitslaar, John Weinberger, Peter Sobol, Susan Manning

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I. Opening of Meeting – Kathy Bultman

II. Declaration of Public Notice – Acknowledged

III. Public Appearances – None

IV. Approval of the Minutes of the April 25, 2007, Curriculum Committee Meeting

Phil McDade moved approval of the minutes of the April 25, 2007, Curriculum Committee meeting. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

V. Report of Four Year Old Kindergarten Study Group – Connie Haessly and Members of 4K Study Group

Connie Haessly began her presentation by thanking the Four Year Old Kindergarten Study Group for the time and effort they put forth in serving on this Study Group during the 2006-2007 school year.

Study Group members presented their report entitled, “Monona Grove School District 4K Study Group Report” dated May 23, 2007. Ms. Haessly stated the mission of this Study Group, comprised of teachers, administrators, preschool directors and teachers, day care providers, parents, and a school board member, was to research the advantages and disadvantages of the four-year old kindergarten programs, which would include site visitations of effective programs. Site visits or phone interviews were held with the following school districts: Eau Claire, LaCrosse, Portage, and Oshkosh.

The Study Group, after extensive study, came up with the following four program options: Model 1 – Public School Staff/School Site; Model 2 – Public School Staff/Partnering Community Site; Model 3 – Contracted Services/Community Site; and Model 4 – Home Educational Support Resources for Parents.

After further review of the Study Groups recommendation, the Curriculum Committee will be recommending to the Board of Education implementation of Model 1 (public school staff/school site) and Model 3 (contracted services/community sites) the first year (fall of 2008-2009) and adding Model 4 (home educational support and resources for parents) the following year.

The report and recommendations will be presented to the Board of Education at their regular meeting on June 13, 2007, for possible approval.

The complete copy of the report, as presented by the Four Year Old Kindergarten Study Group-, is on file at the Monona Grove Schools District Office.

VI. Establish Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee will be Wednesday, June 20, 2007, 7:15 P.M., Cottage Grove School, Distance Learning Lab.

VII. Adjournment

Phil McDade moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 P.M.