

MONONA GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2005
Nichols School – District Office Board Room

Committee Members Present: Kathy Bultman, Sue Carr, Mike DuPlayee, Phil McDade, Tim O'Connor
Also Present: Bill Breisch, Paul Brost, Marilyn Habeck, John Kitslaar, Gary Schumacher, John Weinberger

- I. Opening of Meeting – Phil McDade, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 8:10 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 August 17, 2005 Curriculum Committee Meeting – Kathy Bultman moved to approve the minutes from the August 17, 2005 meeting. Tim O'Connor seconded. Motion passed. The minutes were approved as distributed.
- V. Health Instruction – Middle/High School
 - A. Update – Bill Breisch reported that Marilyn Habeck has continued her work with the district in health issues. Discussion was held regarding middle school growth and development issues. Bill Breisch, Marilyn Habeck and Lynn Hanson are working on developing a gender-based course for 7th graders.
 - B. Recommendation for New Textbook for 10th grade Health & Wellness Course – Marilyn Habeck reported that the current class textbook is from 1994. In the committee's research, Glencoe Health is the text used most widely in Dane County.
 - C. Discussion and Possible Approval of Textbook Adoption – Bill Breisch reported that work with the vendor continues. The books will be purchased out of the Department of Instruction's budget. Kathy Bultman suggested giving a copy of the text to both the Monona and Cottage Grove public library. Kathy Bultman moved to approve adopting the Glencoe Health textbook. Tim O'Connor seconded. Motion passed.
- VI. 2005-2006 WKCE-CRT Testing
 - A. Update – Bill Breisch reported testing will be held in November, 2005 for grades 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 10.
 - B. Schedule for High School Testing – Paul Brost reported that the time of the test has increased from 4 hours to 8 hours. The 10th graders will test during two late start days (for grades 9, 11, 12) as well as two Social Studies and Science Classes. Dr. Brost reported testing schedules from other area districts which range from all class time being used for testing to six late starts in another district.
- VII. Update on Elementary Spelling Program/Evaluation – Ed O'Connor was present to share data on the district's spelling curriculum. In the 2002-03 school year, 14 different spelling curricula were being used in grades 1-8. He reported that the difference between the 2002-03 outcomes and 2004-05 outcomes were statistically significant.
- VIII. Goal Setting from District Data Retreat – Ed O'Connor reported that staff has made great progress in looking at student data, its use, and analysis. Goals in math and reading continue to be set for all grade levels.
- IX. Director of Instruction Report – Bill Breisch reported that at today's administrator's meeting, they were asked: "What do we need to consider as we develop a process for gathering stakeholder satisfaction data for our schools and school district?"
- X.. Confirm Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, October 19, 2005 – The next Curriculum Committee Meeting will be held – October 19, 2005 – Nichols School – District Office Board Room at 7:15 p.m.
- VIII. Adjournment – Kathy Bultman moved to adjourn the meeting. Tim O'Connor seconded. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Recorded by - Kim Hallock