

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, October 15, 2008, Glacial Drumlin Community Room at 7:15 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Phil McDade, Mike DuPlayee, Susan Fox
COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Larry Miller, Randy Parvin
ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Craig Gerlach, Bill Breisch,

I. Opening of Meeting – Phil McDade, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 7:19pm.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes From the August 20, 2008, Committee Meeting

Mike DuPlayee moved approval of the minutes of the August 20, 2008, Curriculum Committee Meeting. Randy Parvin seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Public Appearances - none

V. Applications of Response to Intervention (RtI) at the High School – Elizabeth Freeman, Nichole North Hester, Cindy Rudie

Ms. Freeman explained that 5-7 years ago RtI was implemented at the Elementary Level. The High School asked recently, “How do we get the majority of our HS students needs met in the core environment?” Ms. North-Hester passed out a ½ sheet explaining an example she uses in her Science class. Her example explained that the Properties of Water unit test score average is higher when using RtI. Ms. Rudie showed her examples of how she used RtI in her Algebra class. To reach the top tier of students who need the most help in making up their algebra knowledge and boost their algebra self-confidence, there is a class called Algebra Support. A “Welcome” letter was sent to the parents of the class.

Ms. Freeman explained RtI in detail. At the HS level, we are trying to get better at making sure kids are progressing during the learning, not just at the end of the unit. This is a way of collecting information/data from students on the mastery of critical skills during a unit of instruction. The teacher then adjusts instruction along the way based on the data. This is a way to engage students and support their learning using the teaching skills we already have. This is not a program or initiative, but a way of teaching. This is a teaching style that pulls best practices together.

VI. DPI’s Next Generation Assessment Task Force – Phil McDade

Phil McDade is a member of the Next Generation Assessment Task Force that met for the first time last week. State Supt. Burmaster wants to recommend a new statewide assessment system to the Governor in time for the next budget.

VII. Establish Next Meeting Date – November 20, District Office Board Room, 7:15P.M.

VIII. Adjournment

Mike DuPlayee moved that the meeting be adjourned. Randy Parvin seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:43p.m.