

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, November 19, 2008, Nichols Building - District Office Board 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 7:18PM

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes From the October 15, 2008, Curriculum Committee Meeting

Randy Parvin moved Approval of the Minutes from the October 15, 2008, Committee Meeting and Larry Miller seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Public Appearances - none

V. Student Feedback from Modern Literature and Society Monona Grove High School English Course – Kelly Sullivan

Kelly Sullivan explained that the course that was approved two years ago has been successful. Student comments are included in the packet. The only students that did not pass the class had stopped attending. Advanced students enjoyed reading books that were not as heavy as some other novels. Other students found that the modern novels were very interesting. The plan is to continue offering one section each semester. The English Department as a whole is pleased with the course.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action on Course Proposal for Genres in Literature Monona Grove High School English Course – Deidre Bradford

The course proposal was prompted by the English Department. that it would replace Mystery and Suspense. This would increase the rigor of the department and advance the curriculum as a whole. The course would prepare students for the corporate world by assigning presentations. This would stress the importance of independent reading which is necessary for college prep as well as adding the objectives to include in depth written assignments. This course would utilize books they already have on hand. There is the possibility some new titles would need to be purchased.

The discussion evolved around the possibility of asking for students to pay a fee for books that the students could highlight and mark up and keep. Any fee to be explored would be within the district policy.

Randy Parvin moved to recommend the course proposal for Genres in Literature. Larry Miller seconded and the motion carried.

VII. Establish Next Meeting Date – December 17, 2008 Glacial Drumlin Community Room 7:15P.M.

VIII. Adjournment

Randy Parvin moved that the meeting be adjourned. Larry Miller seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00P.M.