

MINUTES: Meeting of the Monona Grove School District, Curriculum Committee, held on Wednesday, December 19, 2007, at Cottage Grove Elementary in the Distance Learning Center, Starting at 6:05 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathy Bultman, Mike DuPlayee Phil McDade

COMMUNITY MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Carr, Tim O'Connor

ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT: Bill Breisch, Gary Schumacher

I. Opening of Meeting – Kathy Bultman, Chairperson, opened the meeting at 6:05.

II. Declaration of Public Notice - acknowledged

III. Approval of Minutes of the November 28, 2007, Committee Meeting

Phil McDade moved approval of the minutes of the November 28, 2007, Curriculum Committee Meeting. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried.

IV. Presentation of Proposal: World Languages in the Elementary Grades – Bill Breisch, Ann Schroeder, Phil McDade, Carolina Perez-Perero, Sonja Hanson-Boehm, Kiley Bohem.

Bill Breisch explained the time line of the committee work and described the handouts and walked through the proposal. An Annenberg video presentation explained how the plan would be to integrate the world language with daily topics. Committee members described school visits. Questions were asked of Ms. Hanson-Boehm and Ms. Kiley in regards to their visits.

V. Public Appearances

Kira Femrite 4550 American Way, Cottage Grove

VI. Discussion and Possible Approval of World Languages in the Elementary Grades Proposal

Kathy Bultman moved approval of the World Languages in the Elementary Grades Proposal. Mike DuPlayee seconded. Discussion: Phil McDade explained how he believes this program may increase Monona Grove's post secondary education success and raise student achievement. This would also increase Monona Grove's appeal to families. Tim O'Connor expresses support of learning a language at a young age. Sue Carr supports with concerns about collaboration time and how the content area teaching time will be affected. Kathy Bultman likes that this will differentiate our district. Motion carried.

VII. Establish Next Meeting Date

The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be January 16, 2008, 7:15p.m. in the Nichols School, District Office Board Room.

VIII. Adjournment

Kathy Bultman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Mike DuPlayee seconded and the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:45.