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CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, August 4, 2010

7:00 p.m.

Central Administrative Offices

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Committee members present:	Tod Brown, Gail Hawes, Ron Dolloff, Danny Jackson, Sherrie Clark and Francis Cross
Ex-Officio member present:	Board Chair Bonnie Davis Micue
Administrator/s present:	Susan Jackson
Others present:	Sybil Wentworth, Jenny Goode and Ben Vail

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Susan Jackson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. QUORUM PRESENT

Ron Dolloff nominated Tod Brown as Curriculum Committee Chair. Danny Jackson seconded. All were in favor except Tod Brown who abstained.

Ron Dolloff moved to cease nominations; Francis Cross seconded. All were in favor except Tod Brown who abstained. Tod Brown elected to Chair.

III. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Keyboarding curriculum, NWEA expectations and freshman academy

IV. Review/Discuss

Ben Vail proposed the purchase of ALEKS subscription for MMS. This has been used in the Miller school. Growth was seen on the charts and it is felt that this would be good for the middle school.

Sybil Wentworth informed the committee about the new music curriculum for grades 5-12. The curriculum will meet National standards and is cross referenced with the State standards. Chorus is offered for the middle school. These standards will help the students and parents to follow their individual progress. It will all so provide the principals with standards to use to evaluate the teachers. Every student will have music as well as chorus once a week for 40 minutes.

Susan Jackson updated the committee about the concerns for math instruction and the need for the math curriculum. Teachers are sharing ideas and education from high school to the elementary about how to make math fun and exciting. The goal is to have the math curriculum finished by December 15. Susan stated the next curriculum to be developed would be social studies.

Jenny Goode proposed a new program for bully prevention in the elementary and middle schools through art. It focuses on changing the behavior of the witnesses to stop the bullying.

Susan Jackson reported the expectations of NWEA testing for the 2010-11 school year will be done 3 times a year for grades 2-9 in reading, math and language arts. In order to better predict student performance on annual NECAP, the NWEA provides interim measures to drive instruction and interventions.

Susan Jackson spoke of annual yearly progress and student achievement data that indicated many students did not meet the standards. Core instruction and interventions need to be determined so that graduation standards can be met.

Ron Dolloff spoke of the Freshman Academy program that was available at MVHS. It was discussed as being liked by the students and teachers and was effective for many students.

V. ACTION ITEMS

Ben Vail proposed the purchase of ALEKS subscription for MMS. Ron Dolloff moved, Francis Cross seconded and all were in favor.

Susan Jackson proposed the use of the already budgeted money and the ARRA funds for the purchase of textbooks for 2010-2011. Ron Dolloff moved, Francis Cross seconded and all were in favor.

Jenny Goode brought the Gifted/Talented curriculum grades 4-8 for approval. Danny Jackson moved, Gail Hawes seconded and all were in favor.

Sybil Wentworth presented the Music curriculum grades 5-12 for approval. Ron Dolloff moved, Gail Hawes seconded and all were in favor.

Susan Jackson presented the keyboarding curriculum grades 4-6 for approval. Ron Dolloff moved, Danny Jackson seconded and all were in favor.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

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