

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Wednesday, June 4, 2008, 5:30 PM

Attending:

- o Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Jerry Burke
- o Administrators - Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan

Absent: Mary Hartnett

Approval of Textbook List:

Textbook list for 08-09 has been reviewed. A few corrections on course titles were made to be consistent with the program of Study. It was also noted that some books have relatively old publication dates; they will be replaced, if needed, when the curriculum is reviewed. This will be on the agenda of next board meeting.

Organic Chemistry 09-10:

The enrollment is very low for the coming 08-09 year due to the high demand of curriculum content, but without an Honors designation. It is recommended to change it to "Honors Organic Chemistry" since the existing curriculum really justifies for it. However, there will be no change to the current prerequisite requirements so that no currently qualified students will become ineligible. This change will be included in the 09-10 Program of Study.

C&I Work Plan 08-09:

(I made some adjustments to make the list in sync with district goals. – Ray).

High Priority:

- World Language Program K-12
- Gift & Talented
- Technology (assessment, curricular infusion, and K-12 articulation)
- Character Education
- Differentiated Instruction
- HS Programming
 - o Fine and Performing Arts Program
 - o HS Courses Acceleration/Online Courses
 - o HS Open House & Orientation
- QSAC/5-year Curriculum Plan
- Test Score Analysis

Medium Priority (continue to monitor & seek opportunity for improvement this year or in the long run):

- Class Grouping
- Summer Reading
- Satz/HS Program of Study (need to allow enough time for review & input)
- Summer Enrichment Program (brochure needs to be out by end of Jan.)

Just Monitor (have been addressed in recent years, no major changes planned this year):

- AP Course Criteria
- Honors Course Criteria
- Ranking/Valedictorian calculation (review the current policy/regulations, and decide if there's any need for a change)

Items for Approval:

The following have been reviewed and approved, see C&I agenda for more details. These will be on next board meeting agenda.

- Two new textbooks
- Generous donations from HH PTSO, IHS PLG, Satz PSG, and HFEE

Next Meeting: 5:30pm, 7/16/08, Central Office Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai