

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes---December 13, 2010

Board Members---Chair-Phyllis Pascucci, Robin Wetmore, Ana Vander Woude, Chiung Yin Cheng Liu

Administrators--Mary Beth Currie

Items for Discussion/Reports

Math Assignment Adjustments in Placement---Ms Cresenda Jones updated the committee on the districts process and procedure pertaining to request for changes in student placement for math courses. A change in placement may be initiated by a request from a parent, teacher, or guidance counselor. A course change request form is required to be completed by the parent, teacher, and counselor stating the reasons for the change in placement. It is then signed by the Supervisor of Math, Director of Guidance and/or the Principal. Ms. Jones updated the committee on the procedure for tracking students who are considered to be at risk in the Algebra 1 classes. The math department has developed an Interventions Report and Planning Form which tracks students' performance. It also documents parent contact and extra help days attended. Further discussion will take place on proposed interventions at the January meeting.

Program of Studies/Course Guide - Satz Program of Studies - the program of studies was reviewed and discussed by the committee. The course, Technology Education in the grade 7 cycle was reviewed in terms of proposed revisions to the curriculum. The committee will further discuss any additions or deletions to this course at the January meeting. An Honors Geometry or Geometry course was discussed in terms of an addition to the 8th grade in order to keep the mathematical sequence. Further discussion will take place at the January meeting. Criteria for Mathematics placement for grades 7 and 8 will also be discussed at the January meeting

Program of Studies/Course Guide - High School Program of Studies — a comprehensive review of the courses was discussed, some additions and deletions were proposed by both the administration and committee members. Due to time constraints, the committee decided to schedule an additional meeting on January 10, 2011 to continue discussion of the High School Program of Studies.

Items for Approval

Textbook Approval — Thinking About Psychology — The Science of Mind and Behavior. This is a new textbook to align with the new curriculum.