

CPDC

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AGENDA

- District & Curriculum Updates
- Elements of a Quality Curriculum Document
- Informational & Digital Literacy Continuums: Research Skills & Digital Citizenship
- New Course Proposals
- Primary Instructional Materials Proposals
- SRBI Processes & Procedures
- Professional Development 2018-2019

Good News

- New Council members were welcomed
- Council members shared good news related to teaching and learning

Update on curriculum work & other items

- Curriculum work is progressing in the areas of Performing Arts, Visual Arts, Business, and Library Media
- The Technology Education department held their first curriculum review meeting on October 16th
- This year Science and School Counseling will engage in a formal curriculum review and will be reporting their findings to the Council at upcoming meetings
- Last year the ELA curriculum went through a formal review. At the start of this school year, Jenna Aylsworth and Jodi Kryzanski have been meeting with the ELA teachers K-12 to review the findings of the vertical team. The next step is that grade level teams will work on creating action plans to address the identified needs
- The retention policy and homework policy have both been revised and adopted by the BOE. The updated policies were distributed in the last two Teaching and Learning Updates and are also available on the District's website

Elements of a Quality Curriculum

- Last February, the Council reviewed the elements of a quality curriculum that had been developed in April 2012 when the curriculum work in the district was initially launched and made suggestions as to what should be added to the list, how it should be organized, etc.
- Since that time the work of the four groups was taken and compiled into one document
- Time was spent reviewing, editing, and finalizing the document which will guide the work of CPDC and will be posted on the curriculum page of the Website

Informational & Digital Literacy Continuums: Research Skills & Digital Citizenship

- As part of the library media review there have been discussions around how to standardize research skills and digital citizenship skills K-12
- The library media specialists and digital media specialist drafted continuums for research skills and digital citizenship skills in an attempt to standardize these skills
- Amanda Kosky and Elizabeth Ferry presented these two continuums and facilitated a discussion to gather Council member's insight and feedback to inform the continued work on these two documents

New Course Proposals

- One course proposal was presented to change the title of the current Computer Modeling for Gaming 3 to Computer Programming for Gaming 1 with a rationale for the proposed change
- Council members made their individual recommendations following the presentation

Primary Instructional Materials Proposals

- New primary instructional material proposals for grades 5, 9, 10, 11, and 12 ELA were presented. A description of each textbook along with the rationale for proposing the resource were provided to the Council. After the presentations, Council members were able to ask questions, review the materials, and then make their recommendations

SRBI Processes & Procedures

- The district's administrative team has identified the need to work on both creating and refining our systems, processes and procedures so that we are all working with the same understanding and towards a common vision
- One area that has not been reviewed or visited in a formal way in a number of years is our SRBI guidelines, processes, and procedures
- Presently while each school is implementing SRBI, there are a number of variations that have occurred over time and it is time we pause to evaluate where we are and realign PK-12
- To start this work and activate some prior knowledge, Council members engaged in a short activity matching SRBI terms with definitions and then creating a definition for the term at the end without a definition
- Time was then spent individually reviewing a folder that contained various SRBI documents and resources
- Finally, divided up by schools, each group began completing a SRBI self-assessment and planning tool. It was acknowledged that buildings are in different places in terms of the fidelity of implementation and that this self-assessment is a snapshot in time, that will be used to inform what needs to be done at the district and building levels
- At the next meeting, Council members will begin reviewing and revising the district's SRBI procedure document and forms

Professional Development

- On Election Day the district portion of the day will be focused on ELA/Literacy for K-5 and curriculum work in Eduplanet 6-12. The building portion of the day will be focused on the homework policy and strategic planning
- In January and March the intent is to run multiple activities similar to what was done last June
- Time was given for groups to review the listing from June and make recommendations as to which of the courses should be reoffered and what other courses we should look at offering