

DAC
April 19, 2018
Minutes

Attendance: Joe Vieau, Dan Mathieson, Barry Voight, Steve Heil, Bill Weis, Darren Schuler, Jennifer Slipka, Kelly Westberg, Brian Sevigny

1. Call the meeting to order Meeting called to order at 7:03
2. Approve Agenda: Motion by Sevigny Second by Weis Motion carries
3. Approve [minutes](#) from Nov. 16 mtg. Motion to approve by Slipka Second by Westberg
Motion Carries
4. WBWF Report: MDE Feedback
 - a. Joe pulled up the WBWF summary that was turned into MDE and went over the feedback as provided from MDE. Most of the comments from MDE were cursory in nature and not a great deal needs to be updated to improve the report for next year.
5. Curriculum Review
 - a. Middle School Language Arts - [Prepared](#) by Heidi O'Donnell
 - i. Joe went through the attached slideshow as Heidi was unable to attend due to medical reasons.
 - b. High School [Language](#) Arts - Dan Mathieson
 - i. Mr. Dan Mathieson gave a narrative of the linked overview above. Grades 9-12 are pretty fiction focused and they bring the non-fiction into the courses by the research that is done during the course.
6. Curricular decisions for purchasing in 2018-19.
 - a. Due to the largest achievement gap in 5 years in reading, we will be purchasing an intervention program called Read180 for students in grades 7-10. This program will service both at risk general education students as well as SPED students. This program has the highest intervention rating of any program meeting the strict "What Work Clearinghouse" standards (this is a branch of the Institute of Education Sciences (IES) gov't agency that reviews research on different curricula across the country). We are planning to train staff members during the summer to implement the program with fidelity and we will be monitoring the progress of the students using it.

- b. New textbook purchases in CIS Spanish as well as replacing some textbooks in grade 7 Social Studies as they are in need of repair.
 - c. We will be purchasing new 6th grade science books as we finally have a 6th grade science teacher who appears to be staying around for a while and noticed that our textbooks at this level are out of date.
 - d. 7-12 Language Arts will be replacing some novels that are worn out.
 - e. There are several online subscriptions (PebbleGo, IXL, Flocabulary, Spelling City, NewsELA etc.) that are renewed annually.
7. Next year--Joe informed the committee that the curriculum process may be evolving next year. Moving from the current needs based system to a ten year cycle with a five year check-in to see if there are needs to be met since ten years is a long time in between purchasing. This could affect the committee in that facilitators may be coming to DAC meetings and reporting on the review progress and final decision rather than just reporting in summary form about the curriculum being taught.
8. Proposed meeting dates for 2018-19: Similar dates would be Sept. 27, Nov, 8, Feb, 21, Apr. 11.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:52.