

Quincy Public Schools Curriculum Committee Minutes
Board Office Conference Room #231
October 20, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.

Committee members present: Debby Cashman, Jan Zeidler, Cheryl Vogler, Jeff Mays, Jan Cory, Jim Rubottom, Denette Kuhlman

Committee members absent: Stephanie Erwin, Jan Leimbach, Loren Kiest

Board members, staff and others: Kim Dinkheller, Jeff Kerkhoff, Ed Husar, Michaela Fray, Carol Frericks, Anne Cashman, Marcey Wells, Dan Sparrow, Danielle Edgar, Julie Schuckman, Mark Pfeleger, Brian Trowbridge, Brad Funkenbusch, Jody Steinke, Sara Cramer, Jim Sohn, Jason Fink, Cindy Crowe, Melanie Schrand

1. Call to order

Jeff Mays, committee chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

2. Committee Discussion Items

A. Assessment Inventory

Jeff Mays will lead a Citizens Advisory Committee to conduct a district-wide assessment inventory. The committee will use the 2 tools presented at the meeting tonight, these are new tools released by ISBE as of October, 2014:

- Student Assessment Inventory for School Districts provided by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) – October 2014
- Assessment Inventory Facilitation Process provided by ISBE – October 2014

Jeff noted that there will be equal representation on this committee. It was suggested that a survey be sent to all teachers for their input on grading practices as well as the current assessments. Carol stated that the Curriculum Committee Assessment information on QPS website is in the process of being updated, a draft has been completed. Grading Practices will also be reviewed through the Assessment Inventory Committee. The Accelerated Curriculum at Baldwin was discussed and it was noted that the teachers and administrators on the District Literacy Leadership Team are using Collaborative Reasoning Dialogue to discuss the alignment of curriculum and materials, including novels. . Carol stated that this will be an ongoing dialogue and updates will be provided to the Curriculum Committee.

B. District Improvement Plan – SMART Goal 2014-2015

Carol discussed the District Improvement Goals for ELA and Math:

By June 15, 2015, 75% of K-12 students with at least 90% attendance will meet or exceed in the academic area of English Language Arts and Math as measured by state, local and/or common assessments.

She noted the District Literacy and District Math Leadership Team are working to align with the District goals. These will be submitted to the state via Rising Star. It was also noted that this year's data will not be compared to last year's data, as new PARCC and local assessments are being used this year.

C. School Improvement Plans – SMART Goals 2014-2015

It was noted that the School Improvement Plans are all developed individually by building and that they all align with the District Goals. There was discussion on the value of these plans as well as the extensive amount of time put into developing the plans.

D. Other Topics Raised by Committee Members: District Restructuring

There was lengthy discussion on the possibility of upcoming district restructuring. Jeff stated that he wanted to revisit our purpose for the district restructuring:

- Less transitions for students
- Provide learning opportunities for students, such as electives
- Effective communication for students and parents, for example 9th graders in extracurricular activities
- Effective use of human and fiscal resources to reduce duplication of services, for example Freshman on HS campus provides flexibility
- School Culture – for both students and teachers

3. Recommend to the Board of Education for Action - none

4. Consider any other matter relating to the Curriculum needs or concerns of the District –none

5. Questions and comments from the Public

6. Adjourn: 6:15 p.m.

7. NEXT MEETING: Monday, November 10, 2014 – 5:00 p.m.