

CAC CURRICULUM MEETING

MINUTES OF 2.23.16

ATTENDANCE: Committee Members Lisa K. Hopp, Melissa Lane, Ian Horn, Seth Rinder, Tracy Kelly, Brock Friedman, Klaudia Tomlin; Melissa Owens, CAC Chair; Trisha Shrode (Staff Liason)

GUESTS: Marc Hans, U46 Science Coordinator

Call to order: 7:05 pm by Lisa Hopp, Co-Chair

Minutes of 01.26.16 were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Tracy Kelly, second by Brock Friedman. Minutes approved.

UPDATE – K-8 Science Early Implementation

After a brief recap of information presented in September, Marc Hans, U46 Science Coordinator, update group on the progress made this year

- 49 teachers participated on in Early Implementation. Efforts are being made to get more representation in grades 1-3 and special education, that currently have 3 or less representatives.
- Early Implementers were welcome to try any resource materials. They filed requests with Mr Hans. Strict protocol was followed regarding any interactions with sales reps.
- teachers came to a consensus, and selected McGraw Hill materials. Benefits included, digital, print, and hands on materials, leveled readers, translation

FEEDBACK from Early Implementers–

- teachers said early implementation was difficult with no resource
- split level grade classrooms need to be addressed.
- work on committee was difficult while Eureka Math was rolled out at same time
- Special Education and Dual Language needs more attention and representation
- 6th grade, while grouped with 7-8 for Standards, does not have the time and space (lab setting), and more work will be done to adjust
- After the work of the year and teacher feedback, the roll out schedule was adjusted:
2016-2017 – full roll out FDK, 1-6 grade continue Early Implementation with new materials, 7-8 full roll out (tentative)
2017-2018 – Continue FDK support, 1-6 full roll out, 7-8 full roll out and/or ongoing support
2018-and forward – continuing support and professional development

Questions and Discussion -

Q - State Assessment? – Yes, there is a required assessment. Supposed to be in April, grades 5, 8 and students enrolled in HS Biology class.

U46 is continuing work on creating U46 Common Assessments

Q – High School? Possible that U46 will offer two high school tracks. The “traditional” (Bio, Chem, Physics) and one that is better aligned with NGSS (Life, Earth and Space, and Physical Sciences). Both tracks would prepare students for college-career

Q – Scientific Vocabulary and Translating to Spanish? Because of the different dialects represented in our Latino community, a committee is developing a scientific vocabulary list.

Using discussion questions and reflecting on information presented to committee in September, suggestions were made to Mr Hans on improving his presentation to the General CAC Membership. Suggestions included more historical background on how K-8 Science was Developed, more details on NGSS standards, invite teacher(s) to share their experience as an Early Implementer

OTHER BUSINESS -

- Melissa Owens provided information on how CAC meetings are to comply with the Open Meetings Act
- Committee shared some ideas for upcoming draft of Committee Report, and thoughts on direction for next year.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday March 22, 2016

PUBLIC COMMENT – no public comment

MEETING ADJOURNED – 9:10 pm