

## **CAC CURRICULUM MEETING - MINUTES OF 11.08.16**

**ATTENDANCE:** Lisa K. Hopp, Ian Horn, Tracy Kelly, Andrew Giza, Julie Winterhalder, Mary VanSlyck, Karen Ladendorf, Kim Zupec ; Melissa Owens (CAC Chair) and Trisha Shrode (Staff Liason)

**Call to order:** 7:00 pm by Lisa Hopp, Chair

**Minutes of 10.11.16** were reviewed. Motion to approve made by Mary VanSlyck, second by Karen Ladendorf Minutes approved.

### **Technology Update Presentation By Dr. Jeff King**

- U-46 is in year two of a three year technology plan, and it has Three Key Initiatives: 1. Provide classroom standard for technology across district; 2. Provide professional development for teachers and administrators; 3. Provide excellent tech support
- Work on infrastructure is ongoing, older buildings are a challenge
- Today, 75% classes have projectors, but staff is still working on mounting them all
- End goal =6 devices per elementary classroom; 35 devices for every 4 rooms at secondary level.
- Device type is mostly iPads for grades K-3 and laptops for grades 4-6
- Some schools have already requested their computer labs be converted to general class space
- Professional development is ongoing and a collaborative effort with Curriculum & Instruction. New curriculum resource proposals include professional development for digital materials
- Buildings have "Building Technology Coaches" – teachers that take on the role to support their peers

### **Committee discussed - Full Day Kindergarten Observations**

*(Five committee members observed three different FDK classrooms for a minimum of 2 hours. One class was General Ed, the other two were Dual Language)*

- Centers were student-driven
- A great amount of role playing
- Teacher has ability to personalize experience and make accommodations for students that need help
- Routines were well established. Music, announcements, and signals were effectively used to transition from one activity to another
- Students had ample time to complete tasks
- Play centers aligned well with group learning lessons/themes
- One committee member expressed concern that "Rainy Day Recess" (inclement weather) was not very organized and kids seemed to "zone out". After some discussion, committee agreed that "Rainy Day Recess" is a challenge in any class
- One committee member observed a FDK Science lesson and was impressed how seamlessly other subjects (math & vocabulary) were embedded in the lesson
- All five committee members will try to return to classrooms in a couple months

**Public Comment** – no public comment

**Next Meeting** –NO MEETING IN DECEMBER, next meeting is 01.10.17

**Meeting adjourned** 9:10 pm.