

DIT Meeting

January 18, 2007

Agenda

Recorder: Julie Rausch
Timekeeper: Mary Knebler
Facilitator: Lisa Brookover

Roll Call

Minutes

Were approved as presented.

Adoption of Agenda

Approved

Curriculum/Assessment:

Elem Language Arts Update

The committee will conduct its first meeting on Feb. 6, for a needs assessment to determine what language arts materials will best meet the district needs. They will look at assessment/remedial needs. Language arts reps were already in place. JoAnn Craven (special ed.) and Pam Karlake were added to the committee.

Middle/High School- New Courses

Cindy Nickel spoke about appraisal of the Secondary Language Arts curriculum, which is in progress.

Paul Larkin introduced the proposal for the addition of an advanced chemistry course for juniors and seniors. J.D. Hand said the current course is fairly general and there is a need for a more intensive science course.

Eileen Dreiling asked for clarification about the introduction of new courses. There was some discussion about what type of flexibility building administrators/staff have to introduce new courses to be approved by DIT. As long as the course does not involve a "new" cost or additional staff a course or program would generally be acceptable to bring before the DIT committee. The best policy would be to run a program or course proposal by district administration. A consensus for the advanced chemistry course was reached by the DIT committee.

New item: DART

Lisa Brookover showed the committee DART (Data Analysis Reporting Tool) that is accessed from the CETE website. This tool shows scores in specific subgroups so teachers can determined strategies to help those groups.

School Improvement:

Please bring Building School Improvement Plan

Discussion: The committee looked at and discussed points in the QPA manual stating requirements criteria.

Goal: Reading/Math

Common Targets/ K-12 Interventions

Transitions 5-6/8-9

Interventions:

-are they effective

-collecting data on them

-pros/cons

-Research-based

Clarify QPA process/how different from NCA

District-wide process

Committee members discussed various goals and strategies from their respective school improvement plans.

Bring additional questions

Miscellaneous:

None placed on agenda in November

Meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Next meeting: February 12, 2007

February Agenda Item

Text Structures and Graphic Organizers – What research-based strategies are teachers using to address this area of weakness? Bring what you are using or have in place for your building.

J. D. requested an update on Health Exploration Vocational program