



Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting

Monday, May 02, 2022 | 3:30-5:00pm | Zoom

Meeting called by: Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent 3:32

Members in Attendance: Trish Blehm, Stephanie Bray, Mimi Dissmore, Cameron Grow, Grace Grow, Roberta Kramer, Juston Pollestad, Garren Shannon, JulieAnn Udy, , Mykal McDirmid Walters

Members Absent: Jason Bledsoe Kellie Glaze, Amanda Tanner, Tina Zweigle

Invited Guests: Tammy Sewell, Natalie Dobbins, Paula Cartwright

Meeting Minutes

Character Strong program update

- Presenters: Tammy Sewell, Lincoln Middle School Asst. Principal and Natalie Dobbins, Positive Behavior Teacher Specialist
 - Presenters request one more year of Character Strong to better evaluate the effectiveness of the program. It will take time to for staff to become familiar with material and implementation.
 - A survey was given, and 450 students responded. There has been positive feedback, but there are areas to develop. Fifty-five percent of those that responded were comfortable talking about their emotions.
 - Just over half of those that taught responded to the survey. Some staff experienced difficulties generating discussion and found the inconsistency of when the program is scheduled. Teachers also like to receive more training.
 - From this year's feedback, the team believes another year to pilot is necessary to be able to evaluate the effectiveness of the Character Strong program. It is recommended to offer more training for staff in both implementation in classroom and developing familiarity with the available program materials. Placing additional teachers to SEL committee is something to consider for the upcoming year. Another recommendation for the coming year is ensuring a consistent time offered to students.
 - There is a wide range of what teachers are comfortable with in generating discussion and presenting material. Some teachers were uncomfortable on how to generate discussion with the students. Additional training and familiarity of material that there might be some lessons that need to be skipped.
 - Anticipate needed profession development beforehand and get lessons set.
 - Need to identify type of professional development needed before the fall start and who core team for program implantation will be.
 - Teaming people together is helpful and look at different delivery options.

- The committee discussed transitioning the social and emotional learning program to 9-12 grade. There is a tentative plan to look at potential models in the coming fall.
- The committee would like more professional development opportunities for staff at the middle school to better implement the Character Strong program. It was acknowledged that adopting a curriculum is a small part. Support beyond the curriculum is also an important component in successful implementation and evaluation of program effectiveness.
- The committee is in support of additional professional development. They discussed importance of establishing a strong support to get teachers ready at the start of the academic year as well as developing a plan to carry on that support throughout the year.

6-8 Math Adoption Update

- The assistant superintendent informed the committee that the IMAC 6-8 grade Illustrative math adoption proposal the CAC reviewed and recommended for adoption at the March 28 meeting was present to the Pullman School District Board On April 13. The school board approved the adoption at the April 27 board meeting. The Instructional Programs department are ordering materials this week and moving forward with coordinating professional development for this new adoption.

Review of Committee Membership

- There are several positions with terms ending as well as personnel changes. Members are encouraged to send names of potential committee members to Roberta Kramer.
- Membership addressed at meeting:
 - Retirement of Julie Udy. The new librarian will serve in the coming year.
 - Jill Bickelhaupt from Pullman High School (PHS) will be added
 - Jake Bledsoe at Pullman High School is on leave, but PHS principal will find an alternative
 - The PHS counselor member position will be removed
 - Grace Grow will find a replacement for Madison Dissmore
 - Sunnyside Elementary needs a new member
 - The elementary principal position will need a replacement for Stephanie Bray
 - Trish Blehm will continue as a member
- Next Meeting, fall 2022, date to be announced
- Meeting adjourned at 4:06 PM