

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes December 2, 2009, 11:00 A.M.

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Wednesday, December 2, 2009, in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. by Board Vice-President Sue Moore. Present were Superintendent, Dr. Vincent Cotter and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer. Also in attendance were Dr. Liz McKeaney, Sergio Anaya, Maria Bellino, Donna Gaffney, Mrs. Kelly Jowett, parent, Mr. Tom Davis, community member and Marge Gramlich.

Review of Curriculum Issue Briefs: Maria Bellino, CSD Science Curriculum Supervisor, presented an issue brief for Science resource implementation at the Colonial Middle School. Ms. Bellino is proposing implementation of one topic for each grade level (Ecology & the Environment in Grade 6; Cells & Heredity in Grade 7; and Astronomy & Space Science in Grade 8.) The proposed resources will be accessible by students from home, as well as in school.

Ms. Bellino also proposed Microworlds FOSS Kits for all 5th Grade Science classrooms which will address the need for a microscopic organisms unit of study prior to the secondary level. The Microbes unit will expose students to content and tools that incorporate 21st century skills and align with the district's goals and professional development areas of focus.

Ms. Bellino also requested Lexile Readers to support the K-5 Science curriculum, which will differentiate instruction and allow all students access to curriculum. She noted that this purchase will strengthen, as well as reinforce, science content, vocabulary and reading skills.

Donna Gaffney, CSD Math Curriculum Supervisor, proposed updating the Kindergarten Number System Math Units. Mrs. Gaffney stated that this purchase will support our teachers in the delivery of the curriculum related to the Number System.

Sergio Anaya, CSD Social Studies Curriculum Supervisor, presented a proposal for instructional materials to support the new Global Studies II course which includes text resources.

Costs related to all of the curriculum resource materials presented were reviewed and discussed.

Consensus was given for all Curriculum resources to be included in the proposed 2010-11 Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Budget.

Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 11:41 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marge Gramlich
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