

Thursday, May, 7, 2015
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Conference Room B
Central Offices

Members in Attendance:

Freeman Burr, Lorraine Rossner, Vicky White, Tina Henckel, Ken Saranich, Mary Beth Trafecante, Karen Crosby, Dan DiVito, Nancy Burns, Jenna Rua, and Amy Yost

Agenda Items:

- **Climate Survey Follow-up** – Liz Wesolowski & Kathy Riddle – 20 min
 - Liz & Kathy are absent today – the climate survey has been distributed and data is being collected – there is some issue with multiple survey results – this needs to be addressed in the future
- **SMI – “Next Steps”** – T. Henckel – 20 min
 - The continuing use of SMI has been discontinued for the district for next year – random errors and reliability have caused us to distrust the student results – license fees will be returned – SPSS has investigated a new math/science universal assessment and will piloting with NWEA at the beginning of June 2015 at Perry Hill School for grades 5 & 6 – training for the teachers will occur in May with a follow-up activity for teachers re: analyzing student scores and general assessment use of the tool
- **Sub-Committee Reports** – 10 min. each
 - **School Climate Committee** – Karen Crosby
 - The surveys are released and data is currently being collected for system analysis and evaluation use
 - **STEM/JAM/Career Pathways** – Kathy Riddle
 - Have not had another meeting with this committee – however individual schools’ courses of study should be examined and/or revised to incorporate the STEM/JAM pathways in order to establish clearer or more useful pathways for students to incorporate into their own courses of study – this will be future work for this committee to complete at a later date – a meeting of this committee should be held before the end-of-year
 - **Literacy Curriculum Committee** – Vicky White

- Next meeting is May 14th for K-8 –re: Engaging Learning Experiences – a new protocol was implemented this year evaluating reading process – ELA teams will review this document K-12 is in good shape with RCD lesson models – focus for curriculum teams will be “writing” this year – priorities have been set with RCs and outlines/pacing guides will be created and distributed for district staff for distribution and follow – SIS will be looking at the writing assessments as “interdisciplinary” with more than one core academic
- **Math Curriculum Committee** – Jen Rua
 - Grades 4/5 – difficulty with multiplication and division – using multiple websites - PH piloting of new Math systems – ex. Pearson Envision, Math in Focus – examining possible outcomes – *GO Math* is another enhancement that may be investigated
- **Curriculum Committee** – Tina Henckel
 - Kindergarten Math process is being reviewed for future revision of units which may need work – other elementary grades will be working before and during the summer on curriculum – 7-8 are in revision mode and doing data analysis on assessment – more focused curriculum work is being completed on the 9-12 levels
 - Science – new curriculum leader at SIS – meeting will be held between CLs at SIS and SHS – curriculum work will be completed during the summer to align with next gen of Science standards – 5/6 should also be working over the summer
 - Social Studies - will also be working on curriculum again after a multiple year break
 - UAs will have summer curriculum time but the writing of any missing work will be reviewed before summer work begins
 - Writing – will have all units ready to go
- **Special Education Committee/Transitions** – Liz Wesolowski
 - Tabled
- **SRBI/Data Team Process** – Mary Beth Trafecante
 - This committee has met at least 3 times this year – reviewed Data Team documents and folders in District Forms – 5/26/15 meeting - discussed the revised forms and updates with the sub-committee – discussed district model and the

various “tier” models and their effectiveness – Tier 2 form revisions – Data Team PL in August for staff in the district – in addition - discussion of different types of data teams and processes and how the process can be made more uniform across the district – also add some documents into the SRBI folder (“if/then” charts with resources and strategies) – May 17th SRBI Symposium in Meriden, CT - additional topics where also discussed – next meeting June 1st

- **Good of the Order**

- The roll out of the sub-committee reports has been very beneficial to the committee as a whole
- PHS is excited about NWEA
- Writing Committee work has been powerful
- Standards work still needs to be addressed into the future
- Work in the district re: data has been very profitable
- SRBI work is also been important and productive
- Budget will also be very impactful on the work of the system and this committee next year