



Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, January 30, 2009

UNC Charlotte

Members Present: Dr. Michael Green, Dr. Maria Yon, Dr. Antonis Stylianou, Dr. Anna Athanasopoulou, Antigoni Korovesi, Janis Dellinger-Holton, Suzanne Fortune, Trish Harris, Nancy Walters

Summer Camp Updates

- They are going to the executive committee for approval
- We would like to get information out by mid-February
- Changes only in CAMMP Math program (i.e., the number of students is 40 students per week and not 8)

SOPA Update

- February 9, 2009 – Dr. Chris Bongartz will be here to train the teachers of Greek
- Will test 18 students from grades K-2
- Will assess all third and fourth graders
- Release forms sent out 1/29/09
- Testing will take place from 2/10 – 2/13
- This is an oral production test
- Antigoni Korovesi will follow up with Dr. Bongartz and Dr. Stylianou

Chess Instruction

- Currently two groups taught
- Dr. Christoffersen – 3rd and 4th grades on Thursday (1st and 3rd of the month)
- Dr. Green – 1st and 2nd grades on Monday (every other week)
 - Even dated Mondays = 1st grade in the morning
 - Odd dated Mondays = 2nd grade in the afternoon beginning 2/9/09
- Chess tournament needs to begin in April for 6 consecutive weeks of tournament
- Estimated \$225 needed for trophies for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grades
- Changes in 2nd grade chess – emphasis on chess notation
- 1st grade – just playing chess with no tournament, they only begin instruction after winter break
- Kindergarten not ready to sit in large group for instruction
- Could use parent volunteers for extra chess instruction
- Suggestions for next year: chess club afterschool, Saturday Tournament
- Dr. Stylianou will check into the CMSA

Tutoring and Enrichment Programs

- Proposed during school hours
- Currently, students new to Greek are receiving tutoring in 3rd and 4th grades
- 3:15 – 3:45 – Math, Literacy, Homework Help, Vocabulary Building, Enrichment Opportunities
- Before school ½ hour for Greek tutoring/enrichment
- We need logistical planning for appropriate staffing
- Students would sign-up
- Work with each grade level for daily scheduling
- Look into payment to afterschool for late pickup from parents
- Possible locations for Greek Tutoring and Enrichment: media center and conference room
- Parent suggestion – leveled groups with the same level in each group
- Possibility to invite parents to train with staff at staff development workshops
- Need a proposal for the board meeting on 2/9/09 with dates and times for tutoring and enrichment

AIG

- Status
 - Brochure of current AIG overview
 - Need to remove student photos from brochure
 - Would like to refine and post on the web-site
 - Step 1 – identification
 - Step 2 – how to address the needs (GLP for 3rd and 4^h graders; signed by both parent and teacher)
 - Divided students into bands for classroom instruction
 - We need to communicate better with the parents about the implementation of AIG components
- Parent Input
 - Seems to be no systematic approach
 - Just reactive working from the teachers
 - Would like a AIG coordinator because they would better know the students and their needs
 - Feels like there should be more with comprehension, vocabulary, definitions – deeper knowledge/understanding in the lower grades
- Could we get Dr. Romanoff to help with the development of K-2 AIG curriculum?
- Dr. Green proposed that parents could give a list of 5-6 priorities to the curriculum committee, including goals and outcomes expected for ALL students
- Dr. Stylianou recommended that a work group (like a subcommittee or a focus group) made of parents, the principal/asst. principal, and possibly a teacher meet and develop ideas and priorities and report to the next committee meeting

Administrative Updates

- Organization of classrooms
 - Adding 4th kindergarten classroom next school year (2009 – 2010)

- Kindergarten classrooms are self-contained
- Grades 1-2 either self-contained or gradually move to 2 teacher teams
 - We will need to inform parents of classroom movement
- Proposed school calendar for 2009-2010
 - 2 days for conferences instead on 2-1/2 days
 - Major changes: October 29/30th for conferences and March 29/30th for conferences
 - Workday on March 22nd
 - Report cards to go out on March 26th
 - October – end of Q1 = 10/22
 - Report cards go out 10/27
 - Conferences 10/29/30th
 - Change Kindergarten to full days at the beginning of the year
- Need for more information on the web-site
 - Put meeting notes on the web as well as information for the teachers from Greece

5th Grade Curriculum

- Chinese for next year?
- Would this be a club option for those interested?
- Would this be during specials?
- Consider this for the next meeting
- Look at curriculum for sex education for next meeting: opt in vs. opt out

Middle School Curriculum – saved for the next meeting

Next Meeting

- AIG follow-up
- 5th grade curriculum
- Middle School Curriculum

To the Board of Directors Meeting

- Proposed calendar
- Classroom organization
- Tutoring and Enrichment during school hours
- Meetings afterschool every other week for all staff
- Summer Camps