

November SCN Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Call to order at 11:32 am

Welcome (29 attendees)

Secondary Curriculum Process/Program of Studies Overview (Shane Scott)-

- Every 7 years K-AP courses go through a renewal process.
- Three steps in process:
 - 1) Pre-Adoption- Representative Team (various teachers) take content standards into consideration and evaluate programs.
 - 2) Adoption- Instructional Design Alignment, materials review criteria including Equity Feedback Tool, and design professional development.
 - 3) Implementation- Instructional Professional Development and Materials Use Training and feedback responses.
- 2022-23 Program of Studies- Set of protocols and procedures for introducing new courses, updating course descriptions, and/or dropping courses. People involved: teachers, building/district admins, parents, and school board members. Runs from August to November. Proposals are on the District website under Board tab. School Board should vote in December.

Open Forum with Dr. Remy-

- Bring back Return-to-Learn plan on Dec. 13. Considering changes to online platform for elementary, not continuing the program. Possibility of making changes in having schools submit a proposal for assemblies. Looking at data and having conversations on mask mandates.
- District is working through the process of requiring vaccines for all employees by Jan. 4 per OSHA federal requirement. Have to have a policy approved by the Board by Dec. 6. This impacts 1700 people in the District and being mindful of them.
- Q&A-
 - Covid spikes in schools: Work with Unity Point Nurse who reaches out to Polk County Health. Sometimes community events can spike cases. Jordan Creek has a really high number of cases and Polk County has been very involved. Outside events has impacted this school. Mitigation process has not changed at Jordan Creek. Cleaning more and trying to reduce the amount of time classes spend together.
 - Parents can check online students' ISASP scores on the state portal.
 - Current plan says Principal can allow some parents in the building but have to wear a mask.

Updated Virtual Backpack Process-

- Peach Jar was the platform used to distribute information to families from the community. Internally and externally it did not do what it was hoped to do. Virtual Backpack is to provide external organizations (and parents groups) to share information to a broader community. Have the opportunity to subscribe to this like Valley Vibes. Looking into being able to have a custom link for elementary age, jr. high, and high school.

Meeting Future- Need feedback on meeting in-person or Zoom since the first semester is almost over.

- Meet in person in January- 4 people prefer
- Continue meeting virtually- 6 people prefer
- No preference- 6 people prefer

Will discuss again in January for the spring meetings.

Email Laine and Alicia about future meeting topics by Dec. 21.

Positive Stories-

- Western Hills- Musical was fantastic.
- All the productions put on throughout the District was great work.

Adjourn at 1 pm.

Next meetings:

Jan. 18

Feb. 15

Apr. 19

May 17