

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 9, 2013
Elementary Principal's Office
9:00 a.m.

Andy Swanson called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Carol O'Neil, Andy Swanson, Superintendent Michael Garvey, and Principals Eric Ranzen and Kris Blakeley

Also Present: Teachers Megan Rojemann, Mike Flood, and Julie Gross, Students Anthony Purpi, and Maddy Heald.

Members Absent: Kellie Loeb, and Director of Teaching and Learning Lisa Krohn

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to approve the agenda with switching the order of agenda items 5b and 5a.
Motion carried.

Students Anthony Purpi and Maddy Heald, along with Mrs. Gross presented anti bullying projects on which they are working. Chris Peterson will be returning March 2nd to work with the anti bullying team and will also make a presentation to both the Middle School and High School.

Mr. Flood presented the High School anti bullying plans. The High School will do a hot chocolate/coffee sale with cups decorated with anti bullying messages and use proceeds to place a positive message sign on the stairwell.

Mrs. Rojemann presented information on the Aleks program. The District is using it to help align math courses to common core. This is used as a supplemental program to the regular math program which individualizes instruction and assessment. Aleks allows differentiation for students at all levels. The program identifies students areas of success and challenges. ALEKS is not to stand alone as a class for students but a support for enriching student skills so they are able to apply them to classroom application of mathematics. It allows classroom time to be math application vs. skill and drill.

Mr. Schott filled the Committee in on the projects the Middle School students are working on during the B/C/I time. This is additional intervention time in lieu of a study hall. The projects involve problem solving, teamwork, and engineering skills. Examples of completed projects are:

- 4 wheeled balloon cars
- Marshmallow blasters
- Spaghetti construction projects
- Bridge constructed only from a stack of pennies
- Robo-wheel project

- Chair out of note cards project
- Make a crane
- Make a parachute
- Make a car from lifesavers, straws, and paper

Outcomes from these projects – team building, reduced bullying, learning of engineering skills, development of problem solving skills, and interacting with others in a different setting than a traditional classroom.

Mrs. Blakeley presented the elementary keyboarding concept. Mr. Schumacher will begin, second semester, to teach a keyboarding mini unit to 2nd – 4th graders. Dr. Garvey and Mrs. Krohn plan to provide one Elementary, one Middle School, and one High School classroom with a set of chrome books and expand each year.

Rtl Plan

Eric Ranzen, Diane Lonsdale, Merry Frank, Melissa Christian and Lisa Krohn attended the Rtl foundational overview at CESA 2 which has provided guidance and conversation on next steps in Secondary. The team will be meeting twice a month to discuss and add on to the action plan. Lisa Krohn will share the template and action plan document Indistar provided by DPI at the February meeting.

School of Focus

Step 1 for school of focus was for the team to attend the Rtl foundational overview at CESA 2. Step 2 - Eric and Lisa attended the Indistar Webinar which has provided needed steps with Rtl Team and Admin Team which will provide timeline and action plans for district and staff.

GPA/Class Rank/Cum Laude

Mr. Ranzen is recommending that the Committee look at the River Valley cum laude system. The Committee will look at it again at the February 13 Committee meeting.

Mrs. Blakeley informed the Committee that the progress of many elementary students is impressive.

Mr. Ranzen reported 6th-9th grade MAP testing is going on now and in February the District will have WKCE results.

Dr. Garvey will be presenting at the Middle School/High School staff meeting kicking off the future course offerings and scheduling of offerings discussion. He will then work with the CTE and Art and Mr. Ranzen will work with the core areas.

The agenda for the Feb. 13th Committee meeting will include:

- a. Indistar (Lisa)
- b. MS/HS Intervention/Enrichment Time update
- c. Invite Elementary Rep to share how Math Grant has benefitted student learning
- d. Invite Lyndsay S to share out MAP Goal Setting Pilot results
- e. Elementary keyboarding initial plan
- f. Elementary music

Motion by O'Neil/Swanson to adjourn. Motion carried.

Submitted By:

Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D.

Superintendent