

CURRICULUM AND SYSTEMS COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2019

(Meeting held via BCS Bridge Line)

Present: Mike Sobieski, John Huppenthal, Deb Baca, Amy Bock, Jordyn Genevro, Amy Gurtler, Mary Kennedy, Doneitta Layeux, Brittany Erhard, Cheryl Hogan, Parker Galope, Connie Johnston

Absent: Tara Yesenski, Karah Gagnon, Annie Gilbert, Marcus Harrison

Mike Sobieski called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Topic	Discussion	Action/ Update
Standing meeting date/time	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Time established as the 4th Thursday of the month, 4:00 p.m. 	
1. RTI Toolkit Updates		No Report
2. Science Curriculum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The committee met earlier in the day. They focused on needs of 3rd and 6th grade for all three schools. Cheryl Hogan was present at the meeting. ▪ Plan discussed to get schools science curriculum through next year ▪ Committee plans to meet and extend work next year. Task Force will work through next year to see through completion. 	<p>Science Committee met</p> <p>Mike agreed!</p>
3. DIBELS/MOWR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Left from last month. Mary reported new test is still okay for coming year. 	Retain on Agenda for next month.
4. Assessment Framework	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Currently using several tools on the campuses ▪ Dobson and Val Vista use Power School resource. Changed system over. Able to download attendance reporting to the State. ▪ Deb reported Dobson and Val Vista had multiple systems being used for State reporting and tracking. The goal with Power School was to consolidate to use one system (report cards, testing). ▪ Intent was to streamline and realize cost savings. ▪ Mike questioned the benefits from consolidation (attendance, reporting, one software roof) and if there was a 1) hidden cost of longitudinal data (Galileo) that will evaporate, and 2) assessment functionality (pure curriculum). Is this the best assessment tool possible? ▪ Cost benefits analysis – be visited, disparate systems across three campuses <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deb indicated Power Schools has capacity to do all intended (a. initial implementation/setting up and b. Assessment, as Dobson and Val Vista were set up on separate systems) Val Vista is finding test questions are rigorous, quality available is good. Val Vista has had to do an investment in building, as not as ready as that installed at Dobson. 	Keep this on the Agenda.

- Mike questioned as to how much of that work can go to Power Schools to do? What can we make them do (at a cost)? May have that conversation off line to have repaired and up and going.
- Assessment – Val Vista has opted to run Power School and another program assessment tool, Moby Mac (equivalent to Galileo). This could end up being a viable option. Mary is open to piloting next year for Hearn, while retaining Galileo. Time is needed prior to adding and then would run side-by-side and check against other pieces to see reliability as using as a benchmark tool.
- Mike questioned the capability of Moby Mack doing all the assessments that Power School does, as it is a requirement to have 3rd party assessments.
- Question was asked if Galileo data would be lost. Val Vista has downloaded and archived the Galileo information.
- Terra Ahles is the technology coordinator for Val Vista and Doneitta Layeux is the technology expert at Dobson. Doneitta indicated Dobson is not using Galileo or Moby Mack.
- Question was asked of Dawne or Parker – does Dobson have access to Moby Mack?
- Hearn is using Galileo successfully. Teachers are heavily trained and can read reports. It is robust and provides two Options: Multiple Choice testing or a performance-based option which Hearn is looking into.
- John reported that Galileo has just recently entered into a partnership with Think through Math (used in Texas). Results are indicating lower gain scores for both the reading and math product. He cautioned the group to be careful in not directing everyone to go down the same path. Want to allow additional experimentation as we work our way forward.
- Part connected on 3 campuses. Performance pay or Performance bonus money is tied to Assessment. Is this at the AZ Merit level, or at the campus system using level? Mary responded it is a yes at Val Vista for the school level based on the system being used.
- There was a time when AZ Merit data was not available until October (a critical component in order to apply rather than lagging), as teachers have been out of contract. Val Vista is looking at multiple points of data to look at 301 bonuses and all assessment information.
- Mary indicated Hearn participated in a 301 task force approximately 3-4 years ago. Changes were made to the 301 last year without task force involvement. The task force should answer to the Curriculum Committee, and suggested it be reactivated. Mary and John will reconnect to get this back in place.
- Prior to last year, the task force resolutions were: growth in Galileo at 2 levels, pre and post-test, and the school-wide level data 3-8th, growth met or exceeded.

	<p>Hard data justified and was easy to prove and straightforward. Mary would like to see the task force back on track.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Jordyn asked if SPED was included as a data point for the Task Force? John responded that SPED and exceptional learners were included in the mix. ▪ Mike asked the question if we currently have a consistent framework for bonus pay? If not, is there a stop gap (yard stick) to use for all 3 campuses? ▪ Would be a good idea to get together to review current practices. All schools came in with good academic gains last year. Database told us everything worked. Need to talk through to have a high functioning performance. The goal is to eventually bring together as one culture. Mike will organize an informal phone call and talk off line. Mike, John, Mary, Amy, and Deb will participate in the call. 	Phone Call Scheduled for Tuesday, May 7.
5. Teacher Preservice Day Science Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Will hold this off for a year. ▪ As a Task Force will see what/if training is needed, who will provide, etc. 	Will be scratched from To Do List
6. Action Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Deb – Waiting to see what financial situation is for Val Vista. If not able to purchase Curriculum materials, will have a backup plan similar to the two other schools. Estimate 3rd grade at \$800, Middle School @\$3,000 for all 3 grades. ▪ 301 Performance Pay to be a Standing Item going forward 	Standing Agenda Item Added
7. Summary and Future Agenda Items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mike asked those present for comments. He stated he is loving the work that is being tackled. ▪ Doneitta, Brittany, Amy, Jordyn, and Cindy are on board ▪ Mary is good and suggested more talk about 301 ▪ Deb indicated she will touch base at next week’s Administrative meeting re: system-wide plans ▪ John indicated appreciation for the high-level discussion and everyone’s participation. 	
8. Next Committee Meeting Date	Thursday, May 30 4:00 p.m.	

The Curriculum and Systems Committee Meeting was adjourned by Mike Sobieski at 5:18 p.m.

Meeting Minutes Submitted by: Connie Johnston, Board Coordinator