

Bemidji District Curriculum Advisory Committee

7:00-8:00 a.m., Tuesday, October 14, 2014
District Board Room, Downtown Education Center

Committee Members Present: Ami Aalgaard, Vince Beyl, Erin Curran, Gooch, Jeff Haack, Dr. Jim Hess, Donna Hickerson, Carol L. Johnson, Maura Johnson, Kim Kusler, Kathy Palm, Brian Stefanich, Sonia Wadena, Janine Wahl

Minutes:

1. The members shared who they are and where they work.
2. Kathy shared the 2014 State Test Results & 2014-2015 State Testing Dates. Bemidji showed excellent improvement in 2014 MCAs and outperformed the State in both reading and math. MCA Science also showed great improvement with the high school outperforming the State. The ACT results are also very positive with Bemidji outperforming the State in every area except English. In addition, AP test results and college credits earned were impressive for BHS students.

Maura Johnson shared that the reason for the 8th grade math success is that the 8th grade teaches do horizontal teaming. Their time is consistent, frequent, and weekly.

3. Kathy shared the 2013-2014 World's Best Workforce Report, which is posted on the web at: <http://www.bemidji.k12.mn.us/> under Curriculum & District Curriculum. The report was sent to all households via the Buyline the weekend before our meeting. Kathy also shared the School Successes and Summary WBWF Report, which has been approved by the School Board and will be sent to the Commissioner. The following changes were suggested: change the elementary fourth grade to career activities instead of Career Day. Add Manufacturing Days to the high school college and career information.

A motion was made by Dave Gooch and seconded by Sonia Wadena to approve the Summary WBWF Report. The vote passed unanimously, so Kathy will submit it to MDE.

4. Kathy shared the 2014 District and School Adequate Yearly Progress, Multiple Measurement Rating Report & Student Growth Summary. Even though the AYP results were disappointing with half our schools Not Making AYP, the MMR and Growth results were encouraging. Schools showed excellent improvement in both of these areas, as well as closing achievement gaps.
5. The new math curriculum is going well, but teachers may need more training. We will have the math chairs share their progress at a future curriculum meeting. The

2014-2015 curriculum review areas are: Art, Health, Music, Physical Education, and World Language.

Kathy explained the Rural & Low-Income Grant projects for improving AYP & MMR. That grant will continue to support the Viewpoint Data Warehouse, s well as a .5 FTE College and Career Interventionist to reach out to at-risk students graduate. It also will support .50 FTE for the AEC in areas where they currently do not have teachers for required subjects and math and reading interventions for all levels.

A topic that we will address as a committee this year is the graduation requirements for alternative programs compared to those required at the high school.

6. The District Curriculum Advisory Committee meets at 7:00 a.m. the second Tuesday every other month and additional times as needed. The following schedule is set for 2014-2015 at the District Board Room, Downtown Education Center:
 - Tuesday, October 14, 2014, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 7:00 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 a.m.