

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 26, 2009

The Curriculum Committee was called to order at 2:45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Those present were Ron Daniels, Melanie Gulley, Frank Hartman, David Kassner, Rob Knutson, Quinn McClure, Paula Ramirez, Hannah Rodgers, Julie Shaw, Steve Shifflet, and Frank Winchester.

I. Reports

A. Administrative Communication

1. Mid-Term – Mid-Term has been pushed back to Friday, Feb. 6th. Grades must be posted by 8:30 a.m. on Tues., Feb. 10. The screen will be set up and mid-term grades can be saved beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wed., Feb. 4.
2. Sports Assembly – The sports assembly has been rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 6.
3. Workshop – Wed., Feb. 11 – Workshop sessions are still being finalized. There will be two main topics: “Making Accommodations” and “Co-Teaching”.

B. School Improvement Committee Report

See report below on Freshman Academy (II. C.)

C. Technology Committee Report

Staff members still need to turn in technology request forms so that there is a paper trail to check-off for completion. At this time we are working to establish online request forms to improve communication regarding the progress of requests.

D. Department Communication

1. Math – Math articulation with grade schools went well. Seven feeder schools were represented.
2. Art – MVTHS had ten winners in the Scholastic Art Show at Cedarhurst. Items will be displayed at Cedarhurst until mid-February. Five Gold Key winners will have their work shown in New York. Brian Metcalf won Best in Show. All the work will be displayed later in the school year in our JAVA Show.
3. Music – The All State Conference is coming up. Operetta is in full swing.
4. Social Studies – Shortage of American history books is still a concern and solutions are being explored.
5. Guidance – Counselors are in the process of registering freshmen.
6. CTE – February is Career and Technical Education month.
7. Drivers Ed, Physical Education, Special Education, & Science – Nothing at this time.

II. Discussion Items

A. Textbook Loan

Textbook loan requests are due to Mr. Daniels by Friday, Feb. 13. Requests need to be submitted to the state by March 15, 2009.

B. Articulation Meetings with District 80

Mr. Daniels will be working with the Math, English, Science, and Social Studies departments to set up articulation meetings with District 80. Discussions regarding articulation will include the department chair and one teacher from each department.

C. Freshman Academy

Mr. Daniels asked for any concerns or questions regarding the freshman academy. One committee member expressed concern that the academy would hurt electives. Mr. Daniels reported that they are trying to keep required classes down to five.

III. The next Curriculum Committee meeting will be Monday, February 23, 2009.

IV. The meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

