

# CPDC UPDATE NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

January 15, 2014

## Update on Curriculum Work & Other Items

- Curriculum work continuing with small grade level/department groups in the areas of ELA, mathematics & science
- Science K-12 Committee meeting with Allison Zmuda Jan 30<sup>th</sup>
- Social Studies Committee meeting with Allison Zmuda Jan 29<sup>th</sup> to begin their curriculum review & revision process
- World Language K-12 Committee received an overview on the UbD model and worked to draft long-term transfer goals, understandings & essential questions with Allison Zmuda on December 18<sup>th</sup>
- K-12 Art, Music, PE/Health, Tech Ed and School Counseling Committees mirrored the work of the World Language Committee on December 19<sup>th</sup> with Allison Zmuda
- Superintendent's Proposed Budget was accepted by the BOE with a 9-0 vote & has been advanced to the Town Council & from there it will move to the Board of Finance
- The Science CMT and CAPT will be administered this year in grades 5, 8 & 10 in March & the SBAC assessment will be administered to grades 3-8 & 10-11 in the areas of ELA & mathematics in May. More information will be forthcoming as soon as we hear from the SDE

## New Textbook Proposals

- BOE recently reviewed & revised policy #5010. Selection of Instructional Materials
- The definition of textbook has been expanded & is defined as any primary instructional materials
- Procedure for approval of all textbooks & instructional materials is:
  - Curriculum committee submits proposal(s)
  - Member(s) of curriculum committee do a short presentation to CPDC. CPDC members have an opportunity to review the texts/instructional materials & then vote on recommending each text/instructional material. A vote of no less than 2/3rds approval is required for books to continue through the approval process
  - Upon Superintendent's acceptance of the recommendation, he notifies the BOE & a 30 day review period commences. During this time, members of the BOE & public have an opportunity to review the texts/instructional materials
  - After 30 days the texts/instructional materials move to the next BOE agenda as new business & a majority vote is required for approval
- New book proposals for grades 3 & 4 were presented to the Council members. Members were given an opportunity to review the books, were provided time for any follow-up questions & then made their individual recommendations to recommend or not recommend each proposal
- Books will go on review as soon as all titles are secured

## **Indicators of a Rigorous & Relevant Curriculum**

- Groups worked collaboratively to continue the work started at the last CPDC meeting of defining the identified indicators of a rigorous & relevant curriculum for curriculum reviews
- The indicators of a rigorous & relevant curriculum that have been identified are:
  - Content, understandings & skills
  - Learning experiences
  - Assessment
  - Curricular Alignment
- Groups developed a short definition for their indicator (broad enough to work for all disciplines) & a detailed, elaborate description of the definition. Then, each group received feedback from members of the other groups & make any necessary revisions to their indicator based on the feedback received
- The next CPDC meeting will focus on creating a rubric for each indication

## **ProTraxx Evaluation Questions**

- The next CPDC meeting will also focus on reviewing & revising the evaluation questions in ProTraxx to ensure that the feedback being collected is meaningful & useful