

# CPDC UPDATE NOTES FOR COUNCIL MEMBERS

November 20, 2014

## Update on Curriculum Work & Other Items

- Short curriculum update to Council members from each department
- Board of Education approved the K-8 ELA and Mathematics curriculums at their October board meeting
- Stage one for the units of study have been entered into Edutech, the curriculum management software system, for K-12 ELA and mathematics. Moving forward units will be created in Edutech for stage one. Shortly, we will begin populating stage two and three in Edutech
- A committee will be convened second semester to revise the elementary report card to reflect the curriculum changes. The new report card will be implemented next fall
- Capturing Kids Hearts
  - Dec 1-3 Lyle Wells will be in-district to visit the schools and meet with the administrative teams as a follow-up to the trainings earlier this year
  - January 12 – 14 Process Champions training will occur. This will be a small group of staff previously trained who will serve as mentors, helping their colleagues apply and master all aspects of Capturing Kids' Hearts
- Educator Evaluation
  - Recently the State Department of Education released the revised CCT Rubric for Effective Service Delivery, which was similar to last year's rubric. This rubric was added to our District plan for social workers, school counselors, etc.
  - Moving forward the yearly review of the Educator Evaluation Model will fall under CPDC's umbrella and will no longer be a standalone committee
- Technology Reorganization
  - Over the summer the technology department was reorganized to address many needs that had been identified over the past two years. This was done within the existing salary budget through reconfiguring and eliminating old positions plus adding new positions
  - The primary objectives of the reorganization were to provide support and training for teachers on the technology that has been acquired over the past few years and the necessary technical support for both the systems and equipment plus inventory control for hardware and software
  - Since July 1<sup>st</sup> over 1,500 work orders have been completed and there are presently 100+ that need to be completed
  - We recognize that with the reorganization came a lot of change in procedures and practices such as every request going through the work order system and not having a CMTA in each building. Many of the procedural changes had to do with ensuring we are in compliance with the BOE Policies and guidelines and making sure that teachers are not potentially putting themselves or their students in compromising positions
  - We appreciate the feedback that everyone has provided and are working to address the issues that fall within the realm of the Technology Department that can be immediately addressed and to explore the feasibility of suggestions that have been offered through the Technology Council membership
- Superintendent's Proposed Budget was presented to the BOE on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. The proposed budget
  - maintains the full-day four-year pre-school program with 12 Open Choice students enrolled in the program to provide a pre-school experience prior to attending kindergarten in Avon

- increases number of AP courses at AHS
- facilitates AMS students taking courses at AHS
- implements summer programming for credit recovery, enrichment & course work at AHS
- introduces an Enrichment for All model in grades 1-6 (Joe Renzulli)
- expands Chinese to grade 3 and adds Level II at AHS
- continues Capturing Kids Hearts training for all staff
- maintains building schedules to support professional collaborative time
- continues commitment to technology acquisition & training
- total proposed budget represents a 1.72% gross budget increase or a 1.3% net budget increase

### **Curriculum Review & Revision Document**

- Council members were provided with a draft Curriculum Review and Revision Plan document based on the work from last year to review. They reviewed the document through two lens. First, as a teacher that could potentially be involved in executing what is outlined in the document as part of the annual or five-year review and second, as a CPDC member evaluating a specific curriculum area utilizing the document
- Council members then worked in small groups to discuss changes and edits to the document and to come to agreement within their group as to their recommended changes. Then one representative from each table came together to compile and incorporate the recommendations into a single document
- Small groups also began to define the different types of assessments (e.g., formative, summative, interim) in Avon to create common definitions
- Finally, small groups worked to define the membership, terms, and roles and responsibilities for the CPDC and Vertical Teams

### **New Textbooks & Instructional Materials Proposals**

- New primary instructional materials for grade 1, high school drama, and high school science were presented to the Council members. Members reviewed the books, asked follow up questions and then made their individual recommendations
- Primary instructional materials are now available for the 30-day public review period at Central Office

### **Course Proposals**

- Course proposals for art, business, drama/theatre, mathematics, music, social studies, pe/wellness, world language and a high school internship program were presented to the Council members. Members received an overview of each proposal, asked questions and then made their individual recommendations