

Curriculum and Education Committee Meeting

Feb 7, 2011

7:30 P.M.

HUSSEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINUTES

Members Present: Betty Jo Libby, Nancy Bernier, Katie Vose

Other Board Members Present: Jane Dennison, Kim Martin, Willie Emerson,

Others Administrators Present: Dr. Brown, Tina Meserve, James Anastasio, Kim Silsby

Other Staff Members Present: Priscille Michaud

Item 1: Proposed Calendar

Dr. Brown shared the draft calendar for 2011-2012. She discussed the requirement that we match our schedule to the schedule approved by the CATC Advisory Board. The committee members discussed the drop from 4 to 3 Early Release days and the importance of providing time for professional development for staff. It was agreed that more discussion is needed on this issue. A motion was made to support the proposed calendar and move it forward to the full board.

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| Move to approve the proposed calendar for 2011-2012 | Motion: <u>Nancy Bernier</u> Second: <u>Katie Vose</u> Yeas: <u>3</u> Nays: <u>0</u> Vote: Motion Passed <u>3</u> to <u>0</u> Time: <u>8:00</u> |
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Item 2 – Course Approval Request: Foreign Language 5

Priscille Michaud presented a request to add Foreign Language 5 to the Cony Foreign Language program offering next year. This level will be combined with level 4 and will not require any additional staffing or course offerings. A motion was made to support the course request and move it forward to the full board.

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| Move to approve Foreign Language 5 course offering at Cony | Motion: <u>Nancy Bernier</u> Second: <u>Katie Vose</u> Yeas: <u>3</u> Nays: <u>0</u> Vote: Motion Passed <u>3</u> to <u>0</u> Time: <u>8:10</u> |
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Item 3 – Elementary Foreign Language

Tina Meserve gave an update on a Foreign Language afterschool program that is being offered at Gilbert and Lincoln. We discussed the possibility of added other after school programs for the elementary schools in the future.

Item 4 – Cony Schedule

James Anastasio presented a proposal to change all Cony students to the same schedule. This change would allow for more continuity for staff and students. It would also eliminate a variety of scheduling problems at the High School level. 7-12 grade students would ride on the bus together as they did two years ago. Students would not eat breakfast together. A memo with the advantages and disadvantages was provided for committee members. It was suggested to have a community forum to discuss the option before it's brought to a vote.

Item 5 – District Field Trip Update

Tina Meserve provided committee members with a list of field trips that K-6 students take each year. Most field trips are teacher selected but there are a few district-wide field trips at some grade levels. Tina is working with staff to determine which field trips best match the curriculum so that more consistency can occur across the district.