

# Charter/Choice Programming Committee

Minutes – April 12, 2016

“The charge of this committee is to provide guidance and recommendations to the School Board, relating to its role as authorizer of current and future ECASD Charter/Choice Schools. This will encourage innovation that could increase our ability to provide diverse programming and methodologies. Through this investigation and advisement the committee can support the increase in student readiness for and success in ECASD programming and post-secondary options.”

**Meeting Recorder:** Sandy LaValley

**Committee Norms:** Honest and open dialogue

## **Committee Members Present & Position**

Derick Black, Secondary Teacher

Tracy Bush, Ad Hoc Member

Melissa Greer, Elementary Teacher

Chris Hambuch-Boyle, BOE & Chair

Gail Halmstad, Ad Hoc Member

Jeremy Harrison, CV Montessori

Todd Johnson, CVM Principal/Co-Chair

Tim Leibham, Administration

Pete Riley, McKinley Head of Instruction/Co-Chair

Rich Spindler, BOE

Absent: Doug Diermeier and Mike Kohls

## **ARCTIC ZONE**

Tim Leibham shared an update on the proposal submitted by Northstar, ARCTIC Zone. He recently met with the Northstar principal and staff as well as Teaching & Learning to discuss a possible schedule and technology needs. Thirteen students (incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade) have registered so far but have until April 15. If approved to move forward, Tim will email modifications. The committee looked at staffing for 15 – 20 students with one instructor integrating all subjects. They also discussed community connections and performance based assessments as well as other ways to assess i.e., Epiphany Learning and Canvas (personalized learning software that plans, tracks and monitors student progress). Tim will meet with Northstar staff to discuss one section for 2016-17 or two section schedule for 2017-18.

## **Imagination Narrative – Grades 4/5 Flynn: Content Looping**

The committee reviewed the Flynn proposal, Grades 4/5, making note of several items/questions:

- Certified staff would have fewer preps but less ownership of the full child.
- Departmentalization at Grade 5

- Limits content collaboration/PLC
- Does this provide continuity in content/teacher relationships?
- What is the parent feedback?
- Thirty minutes for target and resource time, at expense of math/reading.
- How will this be structured for students who need additional help, or who have already learned the material?
- How will this increase relevance for student (engaging)?
- Is this similar to a middle school team?
- Are these taught in discrete sections or in an inter-disciplinary approach?
- Is one person ready to own the entire Grade 4 and 5 Math/English/Social Studies/Science?
- What assessment will be used (performance v. standard)?
- What about parent opt out?

Tim Leibham will share this with Flynn; more discussion to follow.

### **Proposed 2016-17 CCPC Budget**

Tim Leibham talked about a proposed budget for 2016-17 including staffing. He will work with the Business office to implement a base budget for staff development, etc. As proposals are approved, more discussions will take place.

### **JONAH Forums (Joining Our Neighbors, Advancing Hope)**

JONAH is a local organization that works with people, agencies and organizations to help make our communities healthier, safer and better places for everyone to live and work. It is about building community and building capacity to address root causes of poverty and injustice. This group has approached the school board about poverty and forums open to the public. More information can be found at: <http://www.jonahjustice.org/about-us/>.

### **Committee Name**

The group discussed changing the committee name. Suggestions offered were as follows:

- Committee of Learning Environment Investigations (CoLEI)
- Committee of Innovative Learning Environments (CoILE)
- Vehicle of Investigative Learning Environment (VILE)
- Environments Programming Innovation Committee (EPIC)

### **ISN Conference Details**

Several committee members will attend the ISN Conference in WI Dells April 27-29, 2016: Todd Johnson, Pete Riley, Tracy Bush, and Tim Leibham. Jeremy Harrison and Jen Peck will bring some of their students to present at the conference.

### **Other/Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned 6:05 pm. The next meeting has been re-scheduled for **Tuesday, May 3, 2016, at 4:00 pm in Room 123B** at the Administration Building, 500 Main Street, Eau Claire.