



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

January 31, 2023

3:45pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed all to the meeting and hoped everyone had a nice break. She talked about school site visits, including ones that focused on math instruction and AVID.

2. Arts, Music, and Instructional Materials Block Grant

Presenter: Nicole Van Wilgen Moore

Nicole gave an overview of the \$14 million grant and said they are gathering input to present to the Cabinet. She went over the timeline (must be spent by 2026) and handed out a survey for Curriculum Council members to fill out. Feedback has been received from parents, students, and staff and is being analyzed for trends.

3. Portola Middle School Signature Program – Portola Prep Academy

Presenters: Crystal Meyer & Kristi Dorf

Crystal and Kristi, along with Joe Erven and Jeff Morgan, presented a slide show of signature programs at Portola Middle School. This included the creation of the Portola Prep Academy which structures a student's day to include Honors courses and Pre-AP courses, so that students will be prepared to enter the Early College Academy at Orange High School. They also shared about schoolwide Portola Prep Days. These days are focused on increasing students' knowledge of college and career opportunities in a fun, engaging way. Career Technical Education (CTE) teachers from across the district collaborate with Portola staff to provide innovative activities for students. Students and teachers are having a great time during Portola Prep Days and look forward to more in the future.

4. K12 Math TOSA Updates:

Presenters: Allsion Helsper & Christine Le Bautista

Allison & Christine presented a slide show and talked about the coaching, professional development, and resources the Math Teachers on Special Assignment are providing for teachers to help engage students and accelerate learning.

5. Closing: Lisa Green thanked everyone for participating and the meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.