



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

December 14, 2021

Virtual Meeting

3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed everyone to the Curriculum Council virtual meeting. She talked about what would be covered in this meeting.

She shared some of the happenings at the high schools during the CTE walkthroughs:

Orange High's farm has baby goats

Canyon has a flight simulator that some of the Assistant Principals tried out

Villa Park shared their "intoxicated goggles" – toured their CSI class & Visual Arts classes

El Modena – saw the fully functioning Spyder Lab

2. Educational Services Update

Presenter: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen talked about the Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Lisa will be receiving. The grant will be used for professional development next school year. This will include classified and certificated staff.

She encouraged everyone to take the LCAP survey. It is an integral part of how COVID funds are aligned with our Educational Partners.

On behalf of Cabinet, Cathleen wished everyone a happy holiday season and encouraged everyone to take time for themselves to relax and recharge. She realizes this is a difficult year and appreciates all everyone is doing.

Lisa presented a slide with Group Norms and asked that we pick one to focus on.

A-ask questions

E-engage fully

I-integrate new information

O-open your mind

U-utilize what you learn

3. Overdrive

Presenter: Randy Kolset

Randy talked about Overdrive and SORA and how it is a great tool to promote reading. An email was sent out, but Randy will resend in case anyone thought it was SPAM.

- SORA allows students access to a digital library. This includes eBooks, audiobooks, and digital books. It supports instructional titles and pleasure reading.
- Overdrive shows data for groups or individuals. Teachers and students can access data of what books they have read, how many, etc. Teachers can push out books to a class, group or individual.
- Overdrive app can be accessed through the single sign on.
- Lisa asked to have staff members who want training to reach out to her to set up.

4. Novel Recommendations

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa talked about the Novel Committee and the Equity Task Force she has been working with. Both groups agree we need more diversity in our novels.

- Why is diversity in novels important?
- What is our process for novel approval?
- Where approved novels can be found on the district website.
- Books chosen to adopt – will recommend sending to the Board:
 - (1) Counting by Sevens by Holly Sloan
 - (2) Fish in a Tree by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
 - (3) Amal Unbound by Aisha Saeed
 - (4) A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park

The books were discussed and agreed they should be moved forward.

5. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant

Presenter: Lisa Green

- Lisa gave the background of the grant.
- \$7,468,622
- Is on the agenda to be approved at 12-15-21 board meeting
- It must be spent by 2026.
- It must be used for PD, can be classified or certificated staff
- Next steps will be to train all staff & substitutes
- There are 10 focus areas:
 - (1) Coaching & mentoring support
 - (2) Improving instruction in literacy
 - (3) Practices & strategies that reengage pupils
 - (4) Strategies to implement social-emotional needs
 - (5) Practices to create a positive school climate
 - (6) Strategies to improve inclusive practices
 - (7) Instruction & education to support implementing practices
 - (8) New professional learning networks for educators not already engaged
 - (9) Ethnic studies
 - (10) Instruction, education & strategies, learning opportunities

6. Closing

Lisa Green thanked everyone for coming and wished all Happy Holidays. Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.