



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

September 28, 2021

Virtual Meeting

3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed everyone to the first Curriculum Council virtual meeting for the 2021-2022 school year. The remainder of the meetings will be held in person as permitted.

2. Educational Services Update

Presenter: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen Corella welcomed and thanked everyone for being a part of this year's Curriculum Council. Even though we are still dealing with the pandemic, it's wonderful to have students back on campus. She's looking forward to a good year ahead. We need to "think outside the box" for the good of the students to get back to instruction.

- Resources are available for student re-engagement
- Covid funds are still available
- Form focus groups to hear from stakeholders on how best to spend the funds
- District has hired counselors, provided air filters, shade structures, water bottle filling stations and flex seating areas using Covid funds
- 865 staff members participated in PD over the summer

3. Professional Development Day:

Presenter: Heriberto Angel Randy Kolset

- Professional Development upcoming on November 2nd
- We have to move forward for the students this year
- Technology refreshers – teachers had to become comfortable with technology during the pandemic and we want to keep growing or skills
- Curriculum refreshers will be available
- The agenda for the day was presented – Lisa Green will send out agenda and links for sessions the teachers can sign up for
- There will be three sessions. It is suggested they don't all take the same one so they can take back the information to share with staff
- Let Heriberto know if you would like to present or if there is something specific you want presented that day

4. Study Session: Diversity in Novels

Presenter: Lisa Green

- Forming a novel committee to discuss novels currently used and recommendations for additional books. Let her know if you are interested in joining.
- What action is being taken? Looking for novels that include more diversity
- Check approved list on website for current novels. If it's not there, send Lisa a request to add to the list. She's received many requests already
- Future meeting dates are 10/14 – Elementary Diversity in Novels & 12/2 Study of California's Ethnic Studies Model Curriculum Guidance

5. 1:1 Device Update

Presenter: Randy Kolset

- Randy talked about how many devices have been delivered to the school sites
- Technology and the standards – how we can tie it all together
- Where do we start, where do we head? Where do we want students to be?
- Skills by grade level, how it progresses, how to achieve digital literacy
- Randy showed a sample of how to use technology in a lesson with a company called Wordwall.net – can teach more with less work using these tools
- He will work with the tech leads at the schools

6. Virtual College and Career Fair

Presenter: Lisa Green

OUSD will be presenting a Virtual College and Career Fair this year. This Virtual College and Career Fair will be held October 5 & 6, 2021. Flyer was provided to all members. Lisa will send the flyer to school sites, and it is posted on the website.

7. Closing

Lisa Green thanked everyone for participating and the meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm