



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

September 29, 2020

Virtual Meeting

3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed everyone to the first Curriculum Council virtual meeting for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to school closures, Curriculum Council meetings will be held virtually until further notice. Lisa talked about what Curriculum Council is and what it means to be part of this council and asked all participating members to introduce themselves virtually.

2. Educational Services Update

Presenter: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen welcomes everyone and shared some of the first day of school experiences she encountered. She thanked all teachers and staff for all their efforts during Phase II and making sure that the transition went as smooth as possible. Cathleen talked about providing more PDs for teachers and staff to support them during Phase II. She also talked about a Cultural Proficiency Task Force that is in the works. She asked if anybody is interested in being part of this task force to contact her. Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen also shared some words with members. She congratulated all teachers for getting students back into the classroom. Dr. Hansen is pleased with all of the safety protocols that have been place at the school sites.

3. Study Session: Live Streaming Professional Learning Overview

Presenter: Randy Kolset and Steve Regur

There have been several professional development session being offered to teachers to assist them in virtual teaching. OUSD is moving into Phase II of reopening schools sites and one aspect of this process is supporting teachers as they begin to create live streaming opportunities for their students. Videos have been created to demonstrate how this may be possible based on the equipment available. Videos can be found on the district PD platform Kyte on the MyOUSD Dashboard. The district has been offering professional development trainings on Saturdays for the past few weekends. The purpose for these trainings is for teachers to share ideas amongst each other and discuss teaching strategies in the classroom. Steve Regur who is the presenter at these Saturday meetings shared with members that the feedback from this Saturday PD has been good. Curriculum Council members who have attended the Saturday PD shared some comments and experiences about this training.

4. Study Session: OUSD Mandarin Immersion K12 Overview

Presenters: Amber Tatch

OUSD Mandarin Immersion program is offered at Fletcher Elementary. Students from the first cohort are now 9th grades at Villa Park HS. The Mandarin Immersion program begins at Fletcher Elementary continues to Cerro Villa MS and now to Villa Park HS. Some of the objectives of the Mandarin program are:

- Maximize students' second language proficiency
- Provide a rich academic environment in both first and second languages
- Develop students' abilities to work successfully in multiple cultural settings
- Offer a rich, culturally diverse experience for the entire community

The Mandarin Immersion Program begins in Kinder and it now has expanded all the way to twelve grade. Student from the first cohort are now ninth graders at Villa Park HS and will have the option to take Chinese IV and International Business Mandarin as ninth graders. By the time they reach twelve grade, they will have the option to take a Professional Internship with Chinese emphasis and an option to do Dual Enrollment in a College Chinese course. There is an option were students can test in and if they pass and can integrate to the Mandarin program at Cerro Villa or Villa Park HS.

5. Closing

Lisa Green thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 4:30pm