



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council

Meeting **Notes**

September 25, 2012

Board Room 2 – Building H

3:30-5:00

1. **Welcome**

Superintendent Michael L. Christensen welcomed the Council members and thanked them for their participation.

2. **Introduction of New/Returning Members**

Gunn Marie Hansen reviewed the purpose of the Council and asked new and returning members to introduce themselves and state their priorities for the 2012-13 school year and the work of the Curriculum Council.

3. **Review Curriculum Council Norms/Announcements**

Linda Stoterau discussed the Curriculum Council Norms and made a few announcements.

4. **Review Priorities Established for 2012-13**

Gunn Marie Hansen discussed with the members the priorities established at the end of last year. The focus continues to be on Response to Instruction & Intervention (RtI²) and transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS). New items that were introduced were more vertical planning opportunities and incorporating technology with the transition to the CCSS.

5. **A Closer Look at the Common Core State Standards**

Jennifer Pettey, Canyon High School English Teacher, presented information on the anchor standards for the CCSS in Reading, Writing, Speaking & Listening, and Language. These four domains are important to the additional content areas of Science, Social Studies and Technical Subjects. A spiral document for a Reading Domain was shared for grades K-12. Sample performance tasks were discussed as well as resources from Smarter Balanced, the new assessment system. Information on the Common Core Streams for Mathematics was also reviewed by Ms. Pettey. Handouts were shared with templates and resources that are available on the District Curriculum Council tab on the OUSD website.

6. **District CCSS Transition Plan**

Dr. Hansen reviewed the District's plan for follow-up professional development throughout the 2012-13 school year. The professional development will further support the CCSS teacher training provided in partnership with Educators Coop at the beginning of the school year. The plan includes the design process for training on Communication Objectives, Response Frames, and Purposeful Grouping - strategies for student communication and collaboration in the CCSS. The instructional specialists and teacher leaders design the training in partnership with Steve Regur, Educators Coop, and presented the information to all K-12 principals, who turn the training around in the schools so teachers can further work in their professional learning communities to develop expertise in these strategies. The training plan and power point for the first training, "Developing Expertise in Communications Objects," was distributed to the Council members. Council participants also provided suggestions on how to communicate the plan to all teachers.

7. 21st Century Skills Embedded in the Common Core State Standards

Elsie Simonovski provided an overview of the “21st Century Skills” and the “Habits of Mind” which are included in the Language Arts capacities and Mathematical Practices.

8. Review Curriculum Council Dates 2012-13

Linda Stoterau reviewed the dates in the handouts. This year the Curriculum Council will continue to provide support for all instructional improvements in the district. It meets once a month to review and hear topics of importance in improving academic achievement.

9. Check Out Activity

Meetings for the 2012-13 school year will be the fourth Tuesday of every month, (except for November) and will be held from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. A meeting will not be held in December. A list of dates is as follows:

September 25, 2012	Board Room 2
October 23, 2012	Board Room 2
November 27, 2012	Board Room 2
January 22, 2013	Board Room 3
February 26, 2013	Board Room 2
March 26, 2013	Board Room 2
April 23, 2013	Board Room 3
May 28, 2013	Board Room 2