



ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council

Notes

October 23, 2012

Board Room 2 – Building H

3:30-5:00

1. **Welcome**

Superintendent Michael L. Christensen welcomed the District Curriculum Council Participants.

2. **OUSD Student Achievement Results**

Gunn Marie Hansen, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 2012 Accountability Progress Report (APR) including the OUSD results for the API and AYP. The District schools have done outstanding work in raising student achievement. The District API now exceeds the Orange County average with a score of 836. Orange USD also has the largest 2-year gain on API (33 points) for all K-12 Unified School Districts in Orange County. Superintendent Christensen acknowledged the hard work of the teaching staff and expressed the appreciation of the Board of Education for the dedication of all employees in increasing student achievement. Celebratory School Achievement Banners were discussed to highlight these positive results. (See the attached Presentation for more information on the results in OUSD)

3. **Integrated Instructional Design for Common Core**

Julie Harrison, Nohl Canyon 1st Grade Teacher, presented information from her OCDE weeklong training on Common Core Lesson Design for Transitional Kindergarten to 1st grade. She discussed the Common Core Content Paradigm including the Habits of Mind in the Language Arts Capacities and Mathematical Practices. Handouts were provided for Ages 4-8 depicting the explicit instruction process for the Habits of Mind in the ELA and Math content areas. Curriculum Council member Colleen Botts suggested a "Teacher Forum" to provide an opportunity for all schools to hear the valuable information. Curriculum Director Linda Stoterau is looking into establishing a Forum for Teacher representatives to roll out some of the pieces of Common Core. (Handouts attached were provided from the OCDE training.)

4. **Common Core State Standards: Response Frames**

Elsie Briseno-Simonovski reviewed the OUSD support plan for Developing Expertise in the use of Response Frames. She provided copies of the power point (attached) developed by in-house experts, Instructional Specialists to be presented to K-12 Principals on October 30th for school site professional development. Secondary math, science and language arts coaches, and high school academic language mentors met to develop the instructional support for developing response frames. She also provided tools for developing response frames and communication objectives in the context of the “Balanced Instructional Framework.” Teachers will have an opportunity to develop capacity in the collaboration with their teacher grade level/content peers and provide feedback in the use of Response frames.

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 remaining dates is as follows:

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