ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council
Meeting
Notes
March 22, 2016
Board Rooms 1 & 2
3:30 – 5:00

1. **Welcome**
   Cathleen Corella welcomed the group

2. **Educational Services Update**
   Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen shared some updates from Educational Services, including that Educational Services is working with Business Services and Facilities to look into facilities updates. A group from OUSD toured some schools that have updated science labs. Then an OHS video was produced with teachers and students sharing how they feel about their facilities. Teachers are still doing a great job despite the condition the facilities are in.

3. **Middle School Math Pilot Update**
   Marie LaCassa and Helen Barney, Secondary Math Instructional Specialists, presented an update on the middle school math pilot. Survey results were shared, as well as feedback that has been received from the piloting teachers. Components of the programs were discussed, including pros and cons. Marie also mentioned the Mathematical Mindset Monday emails that she is sending out. The purpose is to continually promote a growth mindset in teaching and learning. Finally, feedback from the high school math pilot was also shared. Other new courses and instructional materials that are being reviewed was also briefly gone over at this time.

4. **Study Session – *Addressing the Needs of Twice Exceptional Students***
   Jennifer Aguirre, Instructional Coach – Autism, presented on addressing the needs of twice exceptional students. These are children that are intellectually gifted and have special needs. She discussed Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) which is the application of behavioral principles that can increase or decrease targeted behaviors. She went into specific evidence based practices such as antecedent based intervention and visual supports.

5. **Curriculum Overview – *Unique Learning Systems***
   Due to the time this was moved to next month's Council meeting.

6. **Closing**
   Cathleen Corella thanked the Council for coming. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.