



## ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council

Meeting Notes

October 27, 2015

Board Room 2

3:30-5:00

### 1. Welcome

Mr. Michael Christiansen, Superintendent, welcomed the group.

### 2. LCAP Survey

Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen, Deputy Superintendent, discussed the Local Control Accountability Plan Survey and encouraged members to go online and fill it out. It is important to have the feedback of all stakeholders.

### 3. Study Session – “NGSS: Vision to Application”

Laura Kresl (TOSA), Julie Roney (TOSA), and Laura Herbert (P21 Specialist) presented on the Next Generation Science Standards. They reviewed what the standards are, including that they are performance expectations not curriculum. The group did an activity to simulate the differences between the prior way of teaching science and the new more inquiry based way. The state timeline for the release of the framework, instructional materials aligned to the NGSS, and the operational NGSS science assessments was introduced. A possible timeline for district implementation was shared and discussed by the group. Further input from staff will be gathered.

### 4. Graduation Requirements Update

Kerrie Torres, Executive Director Secondary Education, gave an update on graduation requirements. She went over the current graduation requirements and also discussed proposed areas of the requirements to review. She explained that a committee consisting of teachers, counselors, site administrators, and directors would be formed to review the graduation requirements and make recommendations. That committee would meet to collect information and share ideas. They would then come back and present their findings and proposal to parent groups and Curriculum Council.

### 5. Supplemental Novel(s) Dialogue

Pam Quiros, Coordinator 21<sup>st</sup> Century Virtual Teaching and Learning, opened a discussion on a 4<sup>th</sup> grade GATE teacher's request to use a novel in class that had been previously approved for 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Six members of the Council agreed to do a book study on the novel and bring back their recommendation to Council.

### 6. Closing

Cathleen Corella, Administrative Director Curriculum, Instruction, and GATE, thanked the Council for coming. The meeting adjourned at 5:00 PM.