



## ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council

Meeting Notes

November 10, 2015

**Board Room 2**

**3:30-5:00**

### 1. Welcome

Mr. Michael Christiansen, Superintendent, welcomed the group.

### 2. Supplemental Novel Dialogue

Pam Quiros, Coordinator, led the 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. A subcommittee of the Council read the book before this meeting and gave their recommendations to the Council. The Council discussed the novel and whether it was appropriate for 4<sup>th</sup> grade. A vote was taken and it was approved by only a one vote difference. A recommendation for approval was then given to the Superintendent and his Cabinet and was decided that parent permission would need to be ascertained by the teacher prior to the reading of the book by the students.

### 3. Secondary Math Pilot Update

Helen Barney and Marie LaCassa, Math Instructional Specialists, gave an update on the secondary mathematics curriculum pilots. They reviewed what has occurred so far and discussed the feedback that they had been receiving from teachers. Those members of the Council who are piloting the math materials shared their experiences with the Council. Marie and Helen went on to present the next steps in this pilot, which include a formal teacher survey, as well as videos of lessons and teacher walk-throughs so teachers can see all of the pilot materials in action.

### 4. Study Session – TPACK, SAMR, & Technology in the Classroom

Nicole VanWilgenMoore, Coordinator, gave a presentation on technology in the classroom. This presentation included two parts: how to know what technology to use (TPACK) and how to elevate the use of technology in the classroom (SAMR). This presentation was also given to many of the secondary teachers on their November staff development day. She included a resource that teachers can use when planning to incorporate technology in their classroom.

### 5. Closing

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