



# ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

October 24, 2017

Location: Boardroom 2

3:30-5:00 pm

### 1. Welcome

Cathleen Corella welcomed the group and Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen.

Dr. Hansen gave an update on the superintendent search. The Board had a special study session and talked about timeline. There were stakeholder engagement meetings last week to get input on leadership characteristics and a survey also was posted. On November 1, there will be a special study session where the stakeholder input will be shared with the board. Then in December there will be a special closed session to review applications of candidates and then there will be another closed session for interviews. Plan is to have a new superintendent in place in January. Dr. Hansen encouraged everyone to fill out the stakeholder input survey if they haven't already.

LCAP survey has also been posted. We have over 5000 responses already. Please help to get the word out for people to take the survey if they haven't. All responses will be read and will be used to help craft the LCAP.

Measure S Update - Resolution at last board meeting to surplus some of the bungalows at Orange High. They will move them off this summer and build the temporary housing to move classrooms into while they build the new science center.

### 2. Study Session: "Health Connected- Teen Talk Middle School 2017"

Presenter: Nicole Van Wilgen Moore and Laura Kresl

Nicole Van Wilgen Moore and Laura Kresl shared that there are new regulations as a part of the California Youth Act for middle school health instruction. The district would like to pilot this new sex education program to meet the new mandates of this law. The law includes instruction on HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy, and relationship abuse.

We are currently piloting APEX Health Extended online curriculum. Piloted it this summer and are continuing it through this year. Summer was successful. Positive reactions from students and staff. Some tweaks were made for the fall. So far it looks like this quarter's courses are going well.

Would like to pilot Health Connected, Teen Talk Middle School (grades 7th and 8th). Middle school science teachers came in last week for an overview of the program. Feedback was collected. Curriculum department will be looking at the standards and the law to trim down the curriculum to what is needed. Will be bringing this to an advisory committee. Hoping to pilot in the spring after SBAC. The curriculum provides 6 different for each topic.

We will be looking at which ones match the objective the best. 5 hours of instruction in 7th and 5 hours in 8th. May reach out to nurses to see what units they can do. The Curriculum Department can also co-teach lessons with the teachers. The law does say that parents can opt their students out of the sex ed part but not the gender identity part. Curriculum department will be doing parent orientations as well.

### **3. iLit ELL Curriculum Pilot**

Presenter: Krysten Robinson

Currently Pearson My Perspectives is being used for Core. Then we have ELD Companion being used in tandem with the core MyPerspectives. Krysten Robinson, Pearson, presented on a ELA/ELD core replacement program for beginning English Learners, iLit. Santa Ana is adopting iLit. iLit started with iLit 90 as an intensive ELA 90 minute core replacement program. iLit 45 came next as a one period supplemental or core replacement program. iLit ELL is similar to iLit 90 but has additional scaffolds. We are looking at piloting iLit ELL for our emerging ELs (CELDT 1s and 2s). It has a newcomer component that includes 50 survival newcomer lessons. Lessons build reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

There is a daily lesson plan for teachers to follow. During Time to Read students have access to a digital library with over 3000 titles from decodables on up but highly engaging even at the decodable level. The program allows teacher to differentiate to different levels in the same class.

There is a lot of assessment tools. It contains GRADE assessment which is a grade level reading test given 3 times a year. Also has TELL (test of English language learning) for progress monitoring which can be given 8 times a year. 2015-2016 average reading growth for English learners in a full year of the program use was 3.4 years. 2014-2015 was 2.36 years growth. Contains an interactive reader component that gets assigned to students based on grade level reading equivalent (GRE). Then depending on how they do, their level goes up or down. It asks comprehension questions and also contains a summary part that students receive automatic feedback and can revise and then it is computer scored. There is also a critical reading part that the teachers have to score. Students can choose books at their level to read but they are also reading grade level book with teachers. These eBooks have digital tools. Students have a digital notebook that houses all their work. Data can be easily pulled to show how students are doing based on skills. All grade level standards are covered. A video of it in action, can be viewed on YouTube, search Corona Norco iLit.

### **4. November 7<sup>th</sup> District PD**

Presenter: Lisa Green and Cathleen Corella

We have a district-wide PD day coming up. Lisa Green shared that all elementary teachers were surveyed on what they need. TK, GATE, SDC teachers will have separate trainings. TK training will focus on "Purposeful Play" The other trainings will focus on Wonders based on the need shown in that site's survey and include planning time.

Cathleen Corella shared that secondary will receive training by department. This will include more training on the new secondary adoptions for middle school and high school ELA teachers and for high school Math teachers. Middle school math teachers will be receiving Number Talks training. Middle school social studies and science teachers will receive more Write From the Beginning training. Social studies teachers will be looking at the new adoptions. Teachers in other content areas will be receiving a variety of trainings based on a survey that was given to them.

## **5. Assessment Calendar**

Presenter: Lisa Green

A new revision of the elementary and secondary calendar is out. Lisa Green shared that the major change was the addition of recommended curriculum assessments to use for ELA and Math. Curriculum Council member Jennifer Pettey shared that a new law was passed last week regarding interim assessments. It is AB1035.

## **6. Closing**

\*Cathleen thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 4:50PM