



Orange Unified School District

Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

January 28, 2020

Location: J2/J3

3:30pm – 5:00pm

1. Welcome

Presenter: Lisa Green

Lisa Green welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Educational Services Updates

Presenter: Cathleen Corella

- Cathleen Corella spoke about new job position that will be posting soon
- Positions that will post include: Coordinator of Assessment, TOSA and 7 Behavior Assistant positions
- Behavior Assistant position will be coming from the district's Title I funds
- The district will take a new approach for these new Behavior Assistant as to which schools they will service
- Behavior Assistants will be deployed from the District Office to a school site which has not been done before
- Dr. Hansen shared some news on the growth that OUSD showed on the Dashboard
- Dr. Hansen congratulated OUSD for the growth and hard work all educators have put in to obtain these results

3. STEM Connect from Boeing Grant

Presenter: Randy Kolset

- STEM Connect is through Discovery Education
- Supplemental Curriculum
- 3 year partnership
- K-8 supplemental program that teachers can use
- 20 elementary sites are interested in being part of this program
- Randy Kolset and Discovery Education representatives have been meeting with principals to see they want to take part of this program
- Nicole, a representative from Discovery Education and a support to the schools that take part in STEM Connect
- Discovery Education partners with big companies to create a coalition
- Some companies include: Best Buy, Chevron, Boeing, Microsoft
- Discovery Education has partnered with stemcareercoalition.org to create a coalition of corporate leaders

- OUSD would be part of the research study that Discovery Education will be conducting as it related to STEM Connect

4. Health Curriculum

Presenters: Laura Kresl, Raeanne Little

- Michelle Weisenber, Kathy Engstrom and Rachel Zethraeus who are members of the Curriculum Review Committee also attended to share their thoughts on the process
- Curriculum Review Committee (CRC) is composed of
 - Teachers (Elementary and Middle)
 - District Staff
 - Parents
 - Medical Professionals. University Professor
 - District nurses
 - Curriculum Council member
 - District Advisory Council member
 - Orange Community Council PTA
 - GATE Community Advisor Committee member
- Curriculum that was reviewed by committee
 - Flash
 - Rights, Respect, Responsibility
 - Making Proud Choices
 - Positive Prevention Plus
 - Check the Facts
 - UCI Curriculum
- Committee members were chosen by a lottery of those who applied
- The law was thoroughly explained to members
- The rubric (Compliance Assessment Tool) used to review each curriculum was also used by the Adolescent Sexual Health Working Group (ASHWG) and adapted for OUSD.
- The rubric was composed of 28 sections
- Community involvement was good and feedback was taken into consideration
- Every member CRC member was given the same amount of information for each curriculum
- After reviewing all six curriculums, CRC is recommending the **Positive Prevention Plus** curriculum
- Strengths of the Positive Prevention Plus curriculum:
 - Created for compliance with CHYA
 - All CAT criteria is covered
 - Teacher and student friendly
 - Accessible content
 - Goal setting & decision making
 - Acknowledged a range of values
 - Inclusive
- Michelle, Kathy and Rachel shared some input about why they think Positive Prevention Plus was the top choice amount all CRC members

- Easy to follow
- Curriculum did a nice job of setting the stage for the subject being reviewed
- Teacher friendly
- Language used was more accurate (it used updated terms)
- Implementation
 - Print out all the worksheets for teachers/students instead of using workbooks
 - Exclude some of the web links on the resource list
- High School Curriculum – Apex Learning
 - Full online health course facilitated by OUSD health teachers, based on the CA health framework (includes modules that address CHYA)
 - Two years of pilot implementation in OUSD
 - Most students take the course during summer of 9th grade year
 - Module sample is available in the OUSD website
 - Parents may make an appointment with the Curriculum office to preview the full program
 - Parents have an opt put option
- Curriculum Review Committee APEX Review
 - Curriculum Review Committee was invited to review APEX using the same process used to evaluate middle school curriculums
 - High School Health teachers included in the review
 - The committee found the APEX program CHYA compliant with a few modifications needed
 - Modifications could be addressed by adding informational documents linked to the online platform

Next Steps:

- Awareness Presentations for the district advisory groups will be presented in the following months
- Emails with recommendation sent to middle school parents
- Principals receive information and will be responsible to inform stakeholders
- Recommendation posted on OUSD website

5. Closing

Lisa Green thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 5:00pm