



Dr. Bompadre mentioned that the state has just notified the district that the standards for science at the elementary and middle school level may be changing. We are currently in good shape in regards to the alignment of content to the standards. It was also noted by Dr. Bompadre that assessments are based on essential questions. Mrs. Mecouch would like to work with teachers on benchmarking.

Dr. Horowitz said that if the focus changes in a test then realignment may occur in the content.

Dr. Shapiro asked to speak about essential questions and how they relate to alignment in content and process. Dr. Bompadre responded by saying that when teachers develop lessons based on standards and our curriculum, they are being asked to develop some basic questions. Questions help guide the teacher in planning lessons. Dr. Horowitz explained that essential questions are big ideas or broad ideas. Dr. Bompadre will ask supervisors to share some examples of essential questions when they present their content update to the Board.

Dr. Shapiro asked for the matrix that was requested at the last meeting. The matrix is to present the timeline for standards to be developed and implemented for the number of labs in all Science courses at the High School that have lab periods. The Committee was given this information at the last meeting for two levels of Chemistry. Dr. Bompadre will speak with Mrs. Mecouch and share that information at the next Academic Committee Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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