

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, September 10, 2009**

**PRESENT:**            **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Dr. Jeffrey Shapiro, Mr. Fred Dewey

**Board:** Mr. Richard Sokorai

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Richard Slonaker, Mr. Chris Lee

**Press:** 0

**Audience:** 4

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., welcomed all in attendance and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of the Minutes of August 13, 2009**

The minutes for August 13, 2009 were approved by the committee.

**4. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda for September 10, 2009 was approved by the committee.

**5. Discussion/Information Items**

**a. Induction**

**Day 1**

Dr. Bompadre shared with the committee how well the Induction Program was received. She said that there were 31 new staff members and that 22 of the staff went through induction. If the long term subs are here for more than a semester, they are provided with a mentor. This year, Dennis Reardon gave the new staff a tour of the district.

## **Day 2**

Dr. Bompadre noted that on the second day, staff spent the morning with members of the curriculum department. Mr. Richard Slonaker worked with his colleagues to prepare the workshop on how to survive the first year. The district is modeling Upper Darby's induction program. We will now have our own in-house induction program. The curriculum supervisors will create the program around the book, Seven Simple Secrets by Annette Breaux. Annette Breaux spoke to the entire faculty at last year's opening week of school.

## **Day 3**

Mr. Slonaker said "Survey Monkey," an online program, was used to create a new teacher survey. He was very pleased with the feedback. The curriculum supervisors are interested in finding out what the new teachers need in the way of information and resources. The information collected from this survey will guide the development of this induction program. During the morning session, the supervisors shared with the teachers their own first day experiences.

Mr. Slonaker created a Wiki space for the new teachers. Wiki is an online forum to share information and set up discussions on specific topics. As the year goes on, more resources will be added to the space. Principals, assistant principals and mentors were invited to participate in the Wiki discussions. Act 48, state education and curriculum links were added to the Wiki space. Mr. Slonaker mentioned that there are over 20 members. As the creator, he will receive changes or updates to the Wiki.

## **Day 4**

Dr. Bompadre stated that on Thursday, the last induction day, the teachers spent the morning with the Technology Department for Grade Reporting, Email, Smart Board and other training.

### **b. Technology Update**

Mr. Lee will make his presentation at the regular Board meeting.

### **c. Opening Days with Teachers**

Dr. Bompadre gave an overview of the opening in-service day with all staff. Dr. Horowitz welcomed the teachers and staff. Mrs. Galbraith also addressed the teachers and staff. Mr. Trezise discussed the United Way. Mr. Dumin invited a member of MEI Systems to go over security upgrade procedures. Mr. Freeman discussed the Drexel online courses.

On Wednesday and Thursday of the Opening Days, secondary staff was involved with RTI training (effective strategies for working with students). The elementary schools already have RTI up and running. Dr. Bompadre mentioned that Vicki Teti has an RTI data binder. Dianne Smith has concentrated on K-1. Mr. Trezise uses a team approach to data gathering. Principals will come together in the fall for more discussion on RTI.

Chris Netter went over My Learning Plan and Edline with the elementary teachers. The Reading Specialists rolled out the revised District Writing Plan.

**d. Professional Development**

Dr. Bompadre provided an overview of the plan for the November in-service, secondary level will concentrate on RTI training and Effective Strategies. Elementary staff will focus on content and curriculum areas as well as technology. On the 2 hour early dismissal day in October, elementary staff will again focus on technology. January early dismissal will be the Principals' choice and the March in-service will focus on curriculum content area.

**e. Schedule for Curriculum Department Presentations**

Dr. Bompadre shared the schedule for the Curriculum Department presentations. At the last CIT meeting there was discussion about having the curriculum supervisors present where they are in the curriculum cycle. Dr. Bompadre gave the committee a schedule of when each supervisor will present.

Dr. Bompadre noted that the Earth Balloon assemblies have been scheduled and shared with the Board. If any Board member is interested in attending, he or she can call the building principal to make arrangements. The program is approximately 45 minutes in length.

Chris Netter will have an Edline Presentation on Elementary Web Pages at the September Board Meeting. It will take approximately 10 minutes.

**6. Action Items/Motions**

The motion to approve the disposal of Mathematics textbooks as listed on the attachment was approved by the committee.

The motion to approve the disposal of Health textbooks as listed on the attachment was approved by the committee.

The motion to approve the disposal of Social Studies textbooks as listed on the attachment was approved by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine

