

Strategic Planning Committee Minutes

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Kirby Olson, Debbie Nolting, David Gibbs and Rita Polen shared the proposed revisions for the Five Year Curriculum Plan with the committee. They noted that there were no major changes; it was a matter of updating the plan with what had been accomplished this year. Next year the SPC will need to outline a new curriculum plan for 2008-2012. The committee accepted the additions and deletions outlined by the subcommittee.

Kay Magness and Dabs Hollimon updated the committee on the progress of the Curriculum Criteria Subcommittee. The Performance Task Review – Quality Curriculum handout was shared with the members and the process for using the rubric with teachers was discussed. Facilitators made up of representative teachers who have been trained in the use of the rubric will sit down with grade levels, teacher teams or individual teachers and work through the rubric with them. The facilitators will be Debbie Nolting, Debbie Warner, Jana Smith, Dick Wilson, Dabs Hollimon, Edie Gross, Evie Cutcliff, Laurel McCurdy, Jessica Crafton, and Laura Cumming. The goal is to perform this evaluation on one performance task for 2006-2007. Teachers will choose the performance task they wish to use with the rubric. It could be an integrated task if the is what the teachers involved in that task decided to use. Once the performance task has been reviewed the teacher(s) will decide how and when to address any revisions /refinements that they are going based on the results of the rubric.

The committee reviewed the Problem Solving Skills to be emphasized by each grade level to address the need for consistency of vocabulary and use of the specific skills across all grade levels. A poster will be created for each classroom and shared with the staff in August. The letters to parents concerning the use of MLA format for bibliographies and the research sites available through the RFISD site will be revised and sent to parents in August. It is important to remind teachers in the fall to consistently use the MLA format across all grade levels and subjects.

The Scope and Sequence Subcommittee updated the SPC on the revisions that are being made to the scope and sequence template for 2006-2007. Many of these changes were suggested by teachers during the year. During the 2006-2007 school year teachers will revise/refine the scope and sequence documents created this year and create an additional scope and sequence for another subject.

