

## Strategic Planning Committee Minutes

November 16, 2005

Roger Ruder provided the committee with an update on the work of the Research Skills Subcommittee. The library site on the district web page needs to be revised but the focus of the subcommittee is on the alignment of research skills from elementary through high school. The research letter was sent out to parents at the beginning of the year. This information will be shared with the elementary teachers in a faculty meeting in January and with the secondary teachers during their Monday teaming meetings. The fact that some sites become blocked and can't be accessed by students was discussed. Ron Bolin noted that if a research site was classified as "other" it would be blocked by Cyberblock. If this occurs when students are doing research in a classroom the teacher needs to notify the helpdesk.

Rita Polen noted that Monday, February 20, is a district staff development day for teachers. The committee outlined the staff development for the day to include vertical teams meeting for forty-five minutes to an hour to review the scope and sequence work and discuss any suggested changes to performance tasks that teachers may request; using part of the time for the scope and sequence check point scheduled for February 16 and then giving teachers additional time to work on their scope and sequences, and having time for teachers to work on their web pages with the support of the technology department. SPC members also thought that the Curriculum Criteria Subcommittee might have some time to complete the rubric with a small group of teachers.

The committee had several recommendations for the Calendar Committee which included starting school the same time as Fort Sam Houston ISD to accommodate students from Randolph that attended Ft. Sam if our construction does not prevent this. It was suggested that we check with the military to see when they approve leave for major holidays such as Thanksgiving and Christmas and then develop our calendar around this information. The committee further recommended that we have one week at Thanksgiving again with three of the days being comp days for the continuing work on scope and sequence, that Spring Break correspond to surrounding districts, that school end by the first week in June, that the Battle of Flowers Parade continue to be a school holiday,

