



Pajaro Valley Unified School District
 Curriculum Council Minutes
Thursday, Oct. 9, 2008
12:45 – 3:00 p.m.
Board Room

Agenda Items	Outcome	Time	Who
1. Welcome/Introductions/Agenda Overview Sylvia Timekeeper: Shirley Myers Recorder: Lyn Olson Reflector: Janet Johns Convener: Sylvia Mendez Agenda committee: to be decided	Information	5 min.	
2. Review/Corrections/Approve Minutes from September 4, 2008 All Correction to the minutes, Elena: AMOA 3 should state “RFEP: have not made proficiency 3 times” Motion to approve By Eladio Martin and seconded by Eileen Maxinoski. Minutes were approved.	Information/ Action	5 min.	

MEETING OUTCOMES FOR Oct. 9 2008:

1. Begin to develop our Community of Collaborators & Learners based on the purpose of Curriculum Council
2. Provide information on District SBC days on October 31, 2008 and January 12, 2009
3. Discuss SuccessMaker needs
4. Updates on SB472 math professional development
5. Updates on 80 hour portfolio hours
6. Updates on ELA/ELD adoption timeline

3. Community Builder • Purpose of Curriculum Council A discussion of the Purpose, Membership and Selection criteria was held and several issues came up: It is difficult for small schools to have different representative members given the requirement of 5 years teaching experience. The issue of rotating the position was also mentioned. General consensus was that the decision should be site based. Francisco Rodriguez requested that the list of Curriculum council members be sent to him. He also requested the list of site textbook coordinators. Several members did not have name tags and this will be rectified at the next meeting.	Activity/ 10 minutes		All
4. Updates on District Initiatives • Math Textbooks & SuccessMaker-Melissa Christie Melissa: Spanish materials were approved by the state will be arriving at sites by end of Oct. Our students were started out with “pilot materials” which will be replaced if there are major changes to the materials. She asked that thanks be given for the hard work the sites have done to	Information/ 30 min		C & I Dept.

get materials in teacher's hands. Communication has been crucial. Middle school materials were not a problem. SB472 state mandated textbook training; we are asking all teachers to attend. Our 4th cohort has just started. These sessions are 2 days the first week and 3 days the second week.

The content will be helpful in implementation and is very worth while. It is conducted by Francis Whitney from SCCOE.

The issue of the SB472 math trainings was held in regards to whether it is mandated for all teachers. It is the Superintendent's and Cabinet's expectation that all teachers attend the training on the new math adoption. Sixth grade teachers at elementary schools will attend the training with the middle school teachers on CGP.

Questions were posed about the assessments and availability in Spanish and English. All math and language art assessments will be available in English and Spanish. Contact Melissa Christie or Caroline Calero with questions about this issue.

There was more discussion of the SB472 training with representatives from 2 schools stating the teachers at their sites had not yet signed up and were resistant to attend.

- **Benchmark Assessments**
80 Hour follow up - Caroline Calero

Caroline: Shared the document with the description of the 80 hour portfolio follow up for teachers who attended the SB472 ELA or English Learner Prof. Development last year. Questions were raised regarding the requirements for teachers at Reading First schools.

- **Data Director:**

Sylvia shared that Data Director is still not functioning as we had wished. Goal is to have up and running by the middle of next week. Barbara Bidlingmaier will communicate with principals and Data Director site rep. when it is ready.

Melissa shared that for the math benchmarks at the middle school; Generic answers sheets, w/o student names have been sent out.

Lyn Olson shared that because of the initial set up of eSchoolsPLUS we are having trouble getting GATE student lists to teachers. They may be later than normal. Our goal is to get them to you by conferences.

It was shared that technology received a 25% cut to staff with the budget reductions. This has impacted the conversion of SASI into eSchoolsPLUS and then into Data Director, specifically the rosters of teachers and students.

Caroline shared that principals received a 1 page summary of information regarding assessments.

Digital Report cards are online on the Curriculum and Instruction web page. Kindergarten report cards have not yet been completed.

The link for the report cards is

<http://www.pvusd.net/Departments/C-I/benchmark.html>.

The I Can Do Standards are also posted on C & I web page at

<http://www.pvusd.net/Departments/C-I/icando.html>

- **Master Plan & SBC days- Elena Fajardo**

Elena Fajardo shared the next steps for the Master Plan for English Learners. A copy of the master plan will be delivered to teachers in advance for teachers who want to jot down questions on cards so we (Dept. of EL Services) can formulate FAQs to post answers on the website. She wants to focus on the programs, define and describe to set up the discussions in the afternoon

