Curriculum Director's Report

April 22, 2010

ADOPTIONS:

Community Adoption Meeting

A Community Meeting will be held tonight, April 22, 2010 to provide the Social Studies and Health CMAAC committees an opportunity to hear any concerns or issues from other members of the community and to answer questions about the process. The meeting will be held 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the high school library.

Social Studies Adoption

K-5 and middle school teams have reviewed TCI (Teacher Curriculum Institute) materials. Although they are NOT ready to recommend these materials, they are not ready to eliminate them either. The materials **did** meet the criteria for initial screening using the "student lens and standards focus." Therefore the grade band subcommittees felt they were worth reviewing further using the district rubric. In addition there are other materials from other publishers that have arrived that include options for cross-curricular integration and the use of technology, both being areas of concern. Therefore teams will take additional time to review these further.

Middle school is also working on the development of a new 6th grade integrated language arts/social studies class that will focus on the reading and writing process using social studies concepts. Special program and general education teachers met for a full day yesterday, April 21 to collaboratively plan the course and review a variety of supplemental materials designed for alternative learning experiences. We will be requesting six additional sets of supplemental materials that show promise in supporting students in investigating social studies concepts as well as the learning to learn model.

Although the final selection of materials will not be completed by the May 5 IMC (Instructional Materials Committee) Meeting, we do hope to have most of the selection process completed prior to the close of school in June. This will allow time for the IMC to meet and review the materials for submission to the board at the June 22 Board Meeting.

High school world geography teachers are meeting this morning, April 22, to review texts. The presently used Holt World Geography text adopted the spring of the 2007-2008 school year will also be reviewed again as a part of this process. Although we have the option of just purchasing additional copies of these texts, with the new instructional materials evaluation tools and the work with the new learning model, teachers are questioning the quality of the older textbooks. Therefore all four available texts including the presently used texts will be reviewed using the rubrics developed by the team (Rubric available on the curriculum web page).