



OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – JUNE 3, 2015

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Instructional Services Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2015

9:30 – 11:30 a.m. (time approximate)

District Office – Room 3

M I N U T E S

Present: Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member, Board of Education; Mr. Brent Lee, Clerk, Board of Education; Dr. David Hansen, District Superintendent; Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12; Mr. Brad Shearer, Director, Elementary Education; Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning; Mrs. Anu Menon, Director, Academic English Learners and Student Support; Mr. Nick Chitwood, Teacher on Special Assignment; Mrs. Courtney Hanes, Instructional Services Specialist; Mrs. Lisa Kells, Instructional Services Specialist; Mrs. Lorrie Cobain-Danelski, Staff Development Specialist; and Mrs. Linda Bedsworth, Executive Secretary, Recorder.

Call to order by Mrs. Cloud at 9:34 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: From the February 11, 2015 meeting.

1st: Mr. Brent Lee

2nd: Mrs. Gayle Cloud

2. Public Relations:

Scheduled Communication: Nothing to report.

Unscheduled Communication: Nothing to report.

Mrs. Cloud started the meeting with a round of introductions by all attending the meeting.

**Mrs. Cloud asked that Item #6 (Title 1 Schools) be moved to the first item discussed.

3. Title “1” Schools’ Plan (SPSA Approval): Anu Menon and Nick Chitwood

Of the twenty-nine schools in Riverside Unified that receive categorical funding, five schools have already had their SPSA (Single Plan for Student Achievement) approved (Alcott, Harrison, Washington elementary schools along with Ramona High School were approved at the June 17, 2014 Board Meeting. Gage Middle School was approved at the November 17, 2014 Board meeting.) The remaining twenty-four are now requesting approval (John Adams, Patricia Beatty, Bryant, Emerson, Fremont, Hawthorne,

Highgrove, Highland, Andrew Jackson, Thomas Jefferson, Liberty, Henry W. Longfellow, James Madison, Magnolia, James Monroe, Mountain View, Pachappa, William Howard Taft and Victoria elementary schools; Central, Chemawa, Sierra and University Heights middle schools; and Lincoln High School. In addition, the Academic English Learner/Student Support (AELSS) department is requesting approval of a budget addendum page for the School Plan. This update is needed in part to better align the school planning timeline with the district-wide Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). To avoid requiring sites to write two plans in one school year, AELSS staff has received permission from the California Department of Education (CDE) to utilize this budget addendum page in lieu of a complete revision of the school plan for sites in Riverside Unified for the 2015-16 school year only. The use of this budget page is a one-time transitional measure, and requires Board approval.

4. Transitional Kindergarten (TK) Course and Materials Recommendation: Carolina Michel and Brad Shearer

Look at the information sheet for details about the current progress of the TK committee. *“Transitional Kindergarten is a school readiness program that purposefully prepares TK students both socially and emotionally for the academic rigor of kindergarten and beyond. Children will be provided a consistent program which includes a continuum of instruction that is developmentally appropriate. Our program embodies learning through structured play, multi-sensory experiences, and strong oral language development, role-playing and problem-solving with a focus on student success skills.”* Also provided is a TK ELA and Math Continuum “Draft” to review. Other content areas will be developed for review.

Survey was given to the teachers on the TK committee after the presentation of programs from the vendors. Teachers felt that Pearson “Owl” (*Opening the World of Learning*) was the best program overall.

5. Career Technical Education (CTE) Update: Ron Weston

Refer to Mr. Weston’s short overview of CTE that lists both current and future goals for expansion. The goal of the CTE program is to expand from 12 pathways to 22 pathways in the next 12 to 18 months using CCPT grant (if funded) and LCAP funding. The overview also lists the LCAP Goals for this year and into 2017.

*Mr. Lee asked for background on the funding sources.

6. Approved Novel List: Lisa Kells, Courtney Hanes, Lorrie Cobain-Danelski

PowerPoint presentation outlines much information with regards to this committees work. Proposed using a permission slip with certain books that while they are novels with notable literary merit and would be a great addition to the list, parent permission might need to be sought for them. Mrs. Cloud suggested checking with the district legal counsel to see if we can use a permission slip.

Will bring to the May 4, 2015 Board Meeting for review and/or approval.

7. Computer Coding Clubs/City Partnership: Steve Dunlap

The question is asked, “How do we get students in computer coding?” This is a “free” program from Google and is current being used by Bryant, Magnolia and Liberty elementary schools along with Sierra Middle School.

8. Suggestions for Future Items – Reschedule April and June Meeting Dates: ALL

Move the Wednesday, April 15, 2015 Subcommittee Meeting to Thursday, April 23rd at 1:00 PM.

Move the Wednesday, June 1, 2015 Subcommittee Meeting to Wednesday, June 3rd at 1:00 PM.

*Board Suggestions: Mrs. Cloud would like to see an update on Math 1 and how we are performing

Adjournment at 11:28 AM by Mrs. Cloud.

Next Instructional Subcommittee Meeting Date: April 15, 2015

Rescheduled for: Thursday, April 23, 2014 @ 1:00 PM