

BCS Professional Study Committee

Notes 9/14/2011

Notes by D. Koenemann

Present: D. Severson, J. Brazo, J. Modert, L. Franks, K. Sobeski, M. Bielawski, T. Long, D. Koenemann, W. McCrea, H. Gest, M. Heifner

Mark Heifner convened the meeting at 3:33. Minutes from 5/18/2011 were distributed. The group discussed the progress of each subcommittee as the minutes were examined. No corrections to the minutes were required.

Technology-reported by Jim Modert. Some current issues, accomplishments and/or discussion points:

- The committee is evaluating the current technology plan and determining steps to take to meet each of the goals. The current plan will be in effect until June of 2012, but the group should begin to revise it this winter for spring adoption by the board of education. They have discussed limiting the number of goals as the plan is revised in order to focus efforts.
- Kris Sobeski suggested we look at grant possibilities.
- There was brief discussion regarding technology changes such as the change from Zangle to Skyward to take effect in 2013 (we are not a pilot district), Odyssey upgrades, Moodle upgrade, and email change from GroupWise to take effect later this fall.
- Martha Graham and Ben Miller will continue to lead this subcommittee.
- This committee did not meet during the summer.

Literacy-reported by Dixie Koenemann, Some current issues, accomplishments and/or discussion points:

- This group did not meet during the summer.
- Leadership of this group is changing. Leslee Ziegler has stepped down as a co-chair and Becky Cranson has agreed to share that responsibility with Kelli Strawser.

Wellness-reported by Traci Long, Some current issues, accomplishments and/or discussion points:

- This committee distributed flyers to families describing summer activities for the summer of 2011. This was most appreciated and will be repeated this school year.
- Funds have been received in the amount of \$1,000 from Coordinated School Health, the former Safe and Drug-Free Schools. This subcommittee will provide guidance in the use of these funds to support wellness.
- The May 19th meeting was canceled.

Parent-Community Collaboration-reported by Jim Modert, Some current issues, accomplishments and/or discussion points:

- We are in need of a chair for this committee.
- The city helped to get the Education Excellence Award signs posted and two Bronson businesses allowed us to place them on their properties.
- The community cookout at BHS was a huge success and involved multiple collaborative efforts including advertising, donation of products, etc.
- Our district supported the 9/11 Memorial Service by allowing use of our facilities.
- Local emergency service providers toured two of our buildings to attain better knowledge of our buildings and to offer advice and support to us in terms of being prepared for emergencies.
- BCS students are being encouraged to participate in the Altrusa photo/essay contest related to reading.
- Our district will collaborate in conducting a survey on Bronson parks usage.
- A new partnership between the Branch Chamber of Commerce and local communities will involve BCS leadership.

- We continue to ask the local media to include photos and stories related to BCS events and accomplishments.

College/Work Readiness-reported by Wes McCrea, Some current issues, accomplishments and/or discussion points:

- Leadership will remain unchanged on this subcommittee.
- There is a suggestion that staff members may wear college spirit wear on assigned days.

We have a need to design and coordinate surveys for staff, students, and parents to meet the needs of the various committees as well as school improvement needs.

When major changes are being recommended by subcommittees, the proposal will come to the PSC. The PSC will then decide how to proceed in terms of seeking support from the Board of Education and/or other entities.

Jackie Brazo announced that she would step down as co-chair of the PSC but would remain on the committee as a member.

This group agreed to meet four times this year. Three future meetings will be scheduled in November, February, and May. Mark Heifner will send Meeting Wizards to schedule future meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.