

Teacher Representatives:

	Present:			Present:	
Clearview	X	Jonette Tschida	Apollo	X	Chris Ann Johnson
Discovery	X	Marsha Elg	Tech	X	Brenda Siers
Kennedy	X	Sandy Mergen	North	X	Bryon Anderson
Lincoln	X	Linda Cooper	South	X	Jane Barth
Madison	X	Beth Lovdahl	ALC- Wilson		Kathy Lyerly
Oak Hill	X	Melissa Casey	ALC – West	X	Dan Hugo
Talahi	X	Carla Reeck	SCCH		Bonnie Schwinghammer
Westwood	X	Melissa Gray	Roosevelt Early Educ.		Vicki Klein- Ferkinhoff

Other Representatives:

	Present:		Present:	
Elementary	X	Joni Olson	X	Diane Moeller
Middle Level		Pat Welter		
High School	X	Roger Ziemann		
Board	X	Bruce Mohs	X	Penny Zook
Media	X	Marj Hawkins		Sue Doering
Spec Ed	X	Alicia Jepsen		
Curriculum	X	Bernice Berns	X	Sherry Nielsen

Guests: Gary Ganje, Bruce Watkins

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Bernie welcomed the group and introduced Bruce Watkins our new Superintendent.

2. North Science Department – Online Learning (Bryon Anderson)

Bryon Anderson, Science Teacher, North Junior High School demonstrated how they are taking instructional materials and making Power Point presentations to put on their web pages. Advantages for students would be when absent they can see the material, or if they just want to watch it a second time to review. Any item that teachers use as an overhead can be converted to a Power Point slide. For training on Power Point software, staff can access Atomic Learning through StaffNet. Currently teachers must work with their Media Specialist, but for approximately \$75 they can buy additional software that would allow individual teachers/departments to update the web pages. Several members of the committee would like the district to provide training at schools. The Tech Honor Society has students who are technology savvy available for these kinds of projects. The contact would be Jean Sonstebj their advisor.

3. Top 40 List – Media Questions

Marj Hawkins and Gary Ganje presented a Power Point slide show of information relating to the Media questions listed in our Top 40 List document. They also provided a handout detailing the responses to the questions on the list. (See handout on StaffNet Website). The three questions they provided information on included; 1) Technology, what is the role of media in the curriculum? 2) Equity of technology across buildings and 3) Elementary technology is limited or not enough support, out-dated equipment and a need for more training and guidance. The Technology Levy question on the ballot did not past last year and there has been a cut of 35% to the Media Services budget. Due to this reduction, we are doing the best we can with existing resources trying to be fair and equitable to all buildings.

4. New Course Proposals

Bernie reviewed the new course proposals for the secondary schools. We would offer these courses as electives for the 2005-06 school year. Courses would only be held if the enrollment over 16 students. The new course approval process starts at the building level, after staff in the school have discussed and approved. The new course proposal is sent to Bernie and then it must get approved from the other school(s) at the high school level in the district. It then needs to be approved

by the Teaching and Learning Committee, the Graduation Standards Curriculum and Instruction Advisory Committee (GSCIAC), our committee (Curriculum Communications Council) and then the Board of Education. The administration at each school the course is offered at would need to identify a budget – it may be that the course would only be offered every other year.

Probability and Statistics AP

There are concerns about the number of kids taking a high number of AP classes each year – the College Board recommends 1-2 courses per year. Some of our current math courses include Probability/Statistics, but the AP course contains much more detail. We are working toward adding more probability/statistics to our other math courses – this is a current weakness in our math curriculum. AP courses provide opportunities and more choice within the district for our high achieving students. With approval of this course we would bring the number of year long AP courses offered in our district to 10 (Chemistry, Economics: Macro and Micro, Psychology, US History, English Literature and Composition, World History, Calculus AB, Calculus BC, Physics B, and Human Geography). It was suggested to calculate the number of AP classes kids take each year and share at a future meeting.

Moved by Linda Cooper, seconded by Bryon Anderson to approve; Probability and Statistics AP in District 742 for 2005-06. On vote: All approved. Motion carried.

Senior to Sophomore Fitness for Living

This is an elective course offered to students in the upper third of their class in grades 11 and 12. A SCSU professor works with a teacher at the high school and the course meets the college level health requirement. We should clarify that District 742 keeps the foundation aid for a Senior to Sophomore course. The arrangement is that parents pay the \$90 per student fee.

The new state standards did not include any Physical Education courses. The state is now saying we should have a credit. The cost of the course is listed on the bottom of the sheet and when we approve as a committee, we are not approving any district wide budgets – the individual sites would have to be absorb the budget although they can share the expenses. The course must have enough students to offer. Scheduling between schools does not work because of the trimester and semester schedules. Textbooks would not be bought until after we have enough students.

Moved by Roger Ziemann, seconded by Chris Ann Johnson to approve: Senior to Sophomore Fitness for Living in District 742 for 2005-06. On vote: All approved. Motion carried.

Elective Physical Education Courses at Tech High School

Tech High School is requesting approval to offer the following courses for the 2005-06 school year;

- Fitness for Living/SCSU PESS 122
- Outdoor Adventures
- Advanced Weight Training and Conditioning
- Competitive Team and Dual Sports
- Personal Fitness Trends
- Recreational Team and Dual Sports
- Lifeguard Training
- Community CPR and First Aid
- Weight Training and Conditioning

These would be offered to students in any grade level. They are hoping to implement at no cost, only very minor dollars for curriculum writing. They are currently looking for equipment donations from the community.

Moved by Marj Hawkins, seconded by Linda Cooper to approve: Phy Ed Elective Courses listed above. On vote: All approved. Motion carried.

5. Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- School Sharing
- Other items – send ideas to Dr. Berns (Bernice.berns@isd742.org).

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m. Our next meeting will be January 6, 2005 at 3:30 p.m.

Future meeting dates:	Jan. 6	Feb. 3	Mar. 3	Apr. 7	May 5	June 2
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