

MINUTES OF MEETING CURRICULUM COUNCIL

September 12, 2007

Individuals Present

Robin Battershell	Janet Kemp	Joe Palmer	Kay Matthews
Lisa Nix	Joelle Wall	Bobbette Bell	Carlinda Rex
Terry Arant	Terri Seaton	Sandi Tucker	Charla Kelley

1. Reading Probes – Janet Kemp and Carlinda Rex

Reading probes were given to approximately 500 students in third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades on **August 20 – 31**. The results were explained to grade-level teams and presented as one tool among several to use when evaluating students' reading skills. Information was recorded on the historical testing worksheet prototype. Teachers expressed interest in additional training on how to work with inclusion teachers and how to differentiate instruction. Winter reading probes will be administered **December 6** to students identified in levels one and two on the fall probe, and other students identified by their teachers.

2. Mentor Teacher Program Update

The annual mentor/mentee breakfast is scheduled for **7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. Sept. 14 in the SIS computer lab**. All mentors, mentees, administrators, and vertical team leaders are invited to attend. Mentors will receive frequent reminders about upcoming topics they may explain to new teachers.

3. Benchmark Assessment

The first benchmark assessment is scheduled for the week of **October 15-19**. Terri Seaton and Kimberly Boaz will provide presentations on how to use the data obtained with benchmark assessments to teachers throughout the district on **September 19 and 20**. A ScanTron workday is scheduled **September 24** in the SIS computer lab so new teachers may design a benchmark assessment, and so other teachers may work on their tests during their conference periods.

4. Parent Conference Month

October is parent conference month. The district goal is for teachers to contact 100 percent of the parents by in-person conference or telephone call.

5. Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP) – Kay Matthews and Joelle Wall

Salado High School is implementing SIOP among faculty members this year. The program focuses on good instructional skills and benefits all students. Teachers in core content subjects were given reading assignments and will meet monthly to discuss topics. Bobbette Bell has reformatted lesson plan templates to reflect SIOP strategies.

6. Updating Alignment Documents – Terri Seaton

J.J. Jonas is helping the high school English teachers complete their horizontal documents. New teachers will work on horizontal documents this school year so they may be online by next summer.

7. Website Curriculum Information – Bobbette Bell

The curriculum section of the Salado ISD website is current and includes vertical-alignment and horizontal-alignment documents; a list of vertical team members; a curriculum calendar; and minutes from Curriculum Council meetings.

8. School Board Presentation

Curriculum Council members will give a presentation on the district's current curriculum activities during the next school board meeting at **6:15 p.m. Sept. 17.**

9. Announcements – Kay Matthews

Guest speaker Carl T. Boyd will address Salado High School students on **Sept. 17.** He will speak to parents, students, and members of the community later that evening at the Salado Church of Christ Activities Center. Council members discussed hosting a series of motivational speakers during the year for students, parents, and community members.

The next meeting is 7:30 a.m. Nov. 14 in the SIS Conference Room.

AGENDA

- Second benchmark assessment
- Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol
- Mentor Teacher Program Update
- Report on Academic Excellence Subcommittee – Long-range planning