

MINUTES OF MEETING CURRICULUM COUNCIL

September 9, 2008

Individuals Present

Terri Seaton	Charla Kelley	Lisa Nix	Kay Matthews
Joe Rex	Bobbette Bell	Andrea Gonzalez	Lee Vi Moses
Terry Arant	Anna Kate Stanley	Joelle Jenkins	Janet Kemp

1. Rally-to-Read Program

Ten teachers who are members of the literacy team at SISD attended the final training **Sept. 11 - 13** at the Center for Learning & Development in Waco. Twelve teachers in the district are now trained in the program. Teachers from the literacy team currently are testing students. After testing is complete, literacy team members, campus principals, and the superintendent will determine how to best serve the needs of the students who qualify for the program.

2. Fall Reading Probes

Members of the literacy team assessed 570 students, grades 3 through 8, with fall reading probes in August. Of the students tested, 169 students (30%) performed in levels 1 and 2, which is at or below the 39th percentile. The reading probe is one assessment among several used in the district to identify struggling readers.

The winter reading probe will be administered **Dec. 11** to only those students who performed in levels 1 and 2 on the fall reading probes, or to other students identified by their teachers. All students in grades 3 through 8 will be assessed again in the spring.

3. Mentor Teacher Program

Nineteen mentee teachers and 14 mentors are participating in the mentor program this year. All teachers new to the district are assigned a mentor teacher during their first year. Those teachers who are new to the profession are assigned a mentor for an additional year. Two mentor teacher breakfasts are scheduled to honor the new teachers:

- Breakfast for TAE, SIS, and SJHS will be **Sept. 18** at SJHS.
- Breakfast for SHS will be **Sept. 19** at the high school.

4. October – Parent Conference Month

Open houses are scheduled at each campus during September and October to provide parents with an opportunity to meet their children's teachers. Parent conferences are NOT required for every parent in the district. However, if a parent requests a private conference, he or she may sign up during the open house to schedule a conference. Parents of students who are considered "high risk" due to poor academic performance, excessive absences, and/or behavior problems are required to have parent-teacher conferences.

- **SIS Open House – Sept. 30, 2008**
- **TAE & SHS Open Houses – Oct. 6, 2008**
- **SJHS Open House – Oct. 7, 2008**

5. 9-Week Benchmark Assessments

Benchmark tests for ELA, math, and science will be administered **Oct. 20 – 24**. Beth Bragg will train the technology directors on each campus so they may assist with the testing. This will allow teachers to have a contact person to answer questions at each school. Vertical team leaders will show teachers who are new to the district how to use the test data to help their students succeed on the TAKS.

The next meeting is 7:30 a.m. Nov. 12, 2008 in the SIS conference room.

AGENDA

- **Winter Reading Probes**
- **Parent Conference Month**
- **Second Benchmark Assessments**
- **STARS Conference**
- **DATE Grant**
- **Optional Flexible Year Plan (OFYP)**