

Curriculum Committee Report

March 11, 2014

Committee Members Present: Keith Shaw, Dave Nickels,

Additional Board Members Present: Linda Gratz

Others in attendance: Deborah Shimanek, Marcia Flaherty

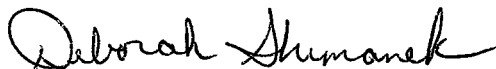
The Curriculum Committee met on March 11 at 6:00PM. They were presented the Summer Academy 2014 course, Google for the Classroom: Teaching and Learning taught by MPSD teacher, Gwen Fiecko. This course provides educators a hybrid class that requires 45 hours of face to face time with the instructor and online participation. It is a differentiated course providing a range of opportunities for professional technology and the use of Goggle. The final outcome will be curricular project integrating digital technology. After discussion the committee unanimously approved the course.

The second item was a textbook recommendation for the Elementary Math Textbook Resource. Through the adoption process, 14 committee members evaluated 2 resources using the 2013 Instructional Materials Evaluation Rubric. The rubric defined 4 categories to consider in evaluating instructional materials:

- Category 1- Common Core Standards for Mathematical Practice
- Category 2-Mathematical Content Aligned to Common Core Mathematics
- Category 3-Instructional Supports
- Category 4-Assessment

Based on their review and references from other districts the committee made the following recommendation: Math Expressions by Houghton Mifflin, 2013 edition, author Dr. Karen Fuson. The adoption will include considerable professional development and resources to support the elementary mathematic program.

The committee unanimously approved the recommended resource and it will be available for review in the student learning office.



Deborah Shimanek