

Atwater Elementary School District

Curriculum and Instruction Council

October 10, 2007

Minutes

Members Present: Dee Gardner, Deana Abraham, Camille Watts, Barbara Gerdes, Molly Haggarty, Shannon McDonald, Michele McCabe, Lisa Roach, Karen Camp, Sandi Williams

Language Arts:

• **Updates**

- *Nancy Craig: Members who attended the training shared information regarding genre posters, icons and stoplight. One person asked if we would be bringing her back for those who could not attend this time. We will if there is enough interest.*
- *The district will have new ELA materials in the 2010-2011 school year.*

• **Questions and Answers**

- *There are 3rd grade teachers who would like to swap units 5 and 6. We will visit that topic again for next year, but this year is to remain as is.*
- *We would like to look at having two writing prompts a year that are based on grade level standards.*

• **Sharing of Best Practices**

- *One person shared that they use the OCR unused unit assessment as a pre-assessment.*

Mathematics:

• **Updates**

- *State Board of Education will approve programs at their November meeting.*
- *We will have new materials for the 2008-2009 school year.*

• **Questions and Answers**

- *Someone asked about manipulatives for additional classrooms. The two schools that had additional classrooms were given funds to purchase materials.*

• **Sharing of Best Practices**

History/Social Studies/Science:

• **Updates**

- *Funds will be allocated to school sites to use for supporting K-3 science copies as these grade levels did not receive workbooks.*

- **Questions and Answers**

- *Is there a passcode for MacMillan History? (We will investigate.)*
- *Will K-3 be receiving more science leveled readers? No, but we may look at sending what we have in the warehouse to school sites.*
- *Some teachers reported not receiving Universal Access books. They may be part of the free materials that have not arrived yet.*
- *What about additional materials that are needed such as goggles, microscopes and pitchers for water? The district does not have a funding source for these types of supplies. Schools will need to factor that into their budgets.*

- **Sharing of Best Practices**

- *Google Earth*
- *TV's in place of projectors and screens at Shaffer*

Art, Music, and PE:

- **Updates**

- *Four schools are tentatively chosen for funding to hire part time PE teachers: AC, EW, TO and Shaffer*

- **Questions and Answers**

- *Will teachers who do not have SPARKS binders be able to receive them? Yes. They need to turn in a textbook requisition. Those that attend the SPARKS training will automatically receive them.*

Sharing of Best Practices

Other:

- **Updates**

- **Questions and Answers**

- *When will schools receive the new report cards? They are scheduled to be at sites by October 19th.*
- *A dilemma was shared about 8th period classes and students not buying in because there was no grade.*

- **Sharing of Best Practices**

Future Agenda Items:

Next Meeting: November 28, 2007