



CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT OF NEW BRITAIN

New Britain Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting

March 20, 2023 – 6:15 PM | New Britain Educational Administration Center

Call to Order and Opening

Mr. Anthony Kane, Curriculum Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6: 18 PM.

Board Members Present

Ms. Gayle Sanders-Connolly, Mr. Merrill Gay, Mr. Anthony Kane, Ms. Diana Reyes, #Ms. Tina Santana.
#Online

CSDNB Staff Present

Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, Ms. Kristina DeNegre, Ms. Aja Edwards, Dr. Anthony Gasper, Ms. Wanda Lickwar, Ms. Maryellen Manning, Mr. Tyrone Richardson, Mr. Paul Salina, Dr. Nicole Sanders, Mr. Mark Spalding, and Ms. Ivelise Velazquez.

New Business

Review and Approve Minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 21, 2023

Ms. Reyes motioned to approve minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on February 21, 2023, seconded by Mr. Gay. Motion carried unanimously.

Accept Monthly EdAdvance Report

Presentation: Monthly EdAdvance Report

Presented by Ms. Kristina DeNegre and Mr. Tyrone Richardson

March 2023 Update:

Department of Academics Updates:

ARC Coaching Sessions - The DOA has held three training sessions with our Literacy Coaches for the rollout of ARC. Coaches worked with our ARC constituents to dive into the program and develop professional development and presentations for upcoming NBU sessions. The feedback from these sessions has been positive and the coaches are getting ready to turn-key their first ARC sessions to all K-5 teachers at the end of March.

Robert Dyar, our Implementation Success Manager from Learning Ally, reached out with Congratulations to Smith Elementary and Vance Village! Learning Ally conducted a 'Great Reading Games' event that has recently ended. The results indicated that two CSDNB schools were winners! Smith Elementary School placed 6th in the nation amongst elementary schools their size and Vance Village School placed 3rd amongst middle schools (schools with grades 5-8) their size. Smith Elementary will receive a \$100 gift card and Vance Village will receive a \$150 gift card. Principal Karen Falvey at Smith and Principal Sarah Harris at Vance Village have been notified. They are proud of the reading their students have been doing and excited about this recognition.

Read Across America happened across the district on March 2, 2023. Each of our schools (PreK-8) had guest readers come in and read to our students. Our students were so excited to have readers from within our CSDNB community and the community at large read to them. One student was quoted as saying "This is my favorite day of the year because we get to listen to people

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read and then we get to read our favorite books".

Vance Elementary School held their "Camp Read A Lot" Event this month to continue the momentum of building the love of reading. Students received a Camp Read A Lot passport and traveled through the cafeteria, music room, and gym where they encountered Literacy games, make and take centers, and areas where they could read with family and friends. For example, the gym had several tents and a "campfire" that students could read in or around. Each child got to take home a book and parents were able to take home resources to support their child in Literacy.

Grades 6-12 administrators had their second DOK (Depth of Knowledge) session. They continued to collaborate and calibrate around DOK examples, by using videos and participation in live activities. They began to strategize around introducing walkthroughs to teachers. Some schools have begun their own individual workshops at their schools with staff members.

Secondary Coaches were provided with a DOK session last week which included the same activities that administrators participated in. This was done to make sure everyone was on the same page. This will also help provide support to teachers from both coaches and administrators.

EdAdvance Update:

- 46% of Middle School Teachers in Math are currently showing strong or some evidence of exploration of big ideas of the unit
- 34% of teachers at the Middle School Teachers in Math demonstrate strong or some evidence student practice of skills from priority standards
- 16% of MS Teachers are currently demonstrating strong or some evidence of student-centered learning

District Professional Learning:

- Curriculum Bootcamp: Session 4
- Continue to work on SS grades 6-8 Unit 5
- EdAdvance Coaches participated in Learning Walks in Pulaski, Slade and Smalley using Look For Tools in ELA, SS and Math for curriculum implementation
- Professional Learning Sessions for Middle Schools have occurred as follows: Pulaski: Bryan and Robin
- Vocabulary Session (Two)
- Social Studies NBU (Content meetings grades 6-8) - 4 Sessions
- Analyzing IAB Data and Driving Instruction- Math and Science teachers
- Using Learning Goals to Plan Adaptations-Math teachers
- Math sessions with each grade level--formalized grade level planning, considering the pacing and priorities, using backwards planning from the assessments to make instructional decisions

Slade:

- Social Studies Unit Unpacking (3 Sessions)
- Building Vocabulary (2 Sessions)

Smalley:

- Grade 3: 5 levels of language proficiency
- Writing samples; Newcomer Toolkit (2 Sessions K and Grade 2)
- Depth of Knowledge - Evaluating teacher questions and student responses (Grade 1 and Grade 3)
- Kindergarten Exploring Unit 4 ELA
- 2nd grade Exploring Unit 4, SIOP
- Foundations

****Additional EdAdvance updates can be found on the district website**

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Presentation: CSDNB Curriculum Audit Report – Presentation attached
Presented by Ms. Amy Anderson, Ms. Lara Bohlke, and Ms. Ivelise Velasquez

Closing and Adjournment

Ms. Reyes motioned to adjourn at 7:16pm, seconded by Ms. Santana. Motion carried unanimously