



Graduation Requirements Preparing the Twenty-First Century Learner

MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2009

In attendance: Phyllis Apt, Beth Brown, Kate Canine, Chuck DeWayne, Joe Gawronski, Carol Ann Hixon, Karen Kaminski, Brett Larsen, Pat Nash, Rick Nelson, Manny Ortega, John Passantino, Dave Platt, Scott Vantatenhove

Timeline Review and Key Dates

- 9/1/09 – Elementary/middle school principals review information
- 9/4/09 – High school principals review information
- 9/8/09 – Present information to the board of education
- 12/09 – Graduation requirements from State
- 01/10 – Cabinet review of draft policy language
- 02/10 – Board of education votes on recommendation

Review – Legislation Policy Brief Summary

- 7/2010 – Concurrent enrollment bill in effect
 - Two pathways for post secondary courses

Update – Race to the Top

- Betsey Markey Positioning CO for \$\$\$

Committee review Graduation Requirements from 'discipline' point of view

Like:

- Credit awarded by proficiency NOT seat time
- High school credit will be available for some middle school classes
- 240 credit hours consistent across district
- Choices to fill requirements

Questions/Comments

- Replacement grades for other grades, not just for D or F
 - Practice not policy
 - How many classes can we offer students and sustain it?
 - How many times could a class be repeated?
 - How would this affect staffing?
 - Can students 'test out' to improve grade?
 - The issue of replacement grades needs to be addressed by School Services or Curriculum
 - Need for common summative exam for World Languages
 - Could call grading practices into question
 - Difficult to manage without infrastructure – update of SILK
 - Naviance – purchased for district wide use in academic planning

Implementation

- Need curriculum mapping
- Review of courses in pathways
- Rigorous formative assessment
- Integration of soft skills into coursework

Next Meeting: September 3, 2009 – Partnership Center – 4-6pm