



THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

Curriculum Advisory Committee

February 20, 2007

6:00 p.m. – Waldo #4

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members Present: Barbara Chapin, Constance Dennis, Linda Houston, Patsy Howell, Lois Redmond, Alicia Reyes, Charles Spire, John Traube

Committee Members Absent: Elaine Armani, Susan Cook, Susan Jacobse, Susan Kohler

Lee County School Personnel Present: Dr. Larry Tihen

Recording Secretary: Sherry Pearsall

Reading/Approval of Minutes

Chairperson, Connie Dennis, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and welcomed members.

The minutes from the January 30th meeting were read and a motion to approve the minutes with corrections was made by Lois Redmond. The vote carried unanimously.

Board Members' Report

Mr. Chilmonik shared an outline for thought concerning the integration of technology into curriculum. He asked that you e-mail or call with any questions and/or suggestions you may have. Mr. Chilmonik is still researching what direction the new governor's administration is going in. There are numerous appointments available (voluntary) on the transition website. He is willing to share information from this website at the next meeting.

Questions from members regarding the STAR program and "digital students" were addressed.

New Business

Status of Instructional Technology in the District -

Dwayne Alton, Director of Information Technology Support and Mrs. Patti Elkin, Coordinator for Instructional Technology presented a summary on District initiatives in the area of technology. Mr. Alton's department is the infrastructure and provides the foundation for the instructional side.

Highlights of the presentation include:

- The last few years the District has been working on a rebuilding program (standardizing technology business practices, network infrastructure, hardware replacement and instructional software selection). This progress is being scheduled in five phases.
- An educational software evaluation/rubric handout was shared
- Procurement procedures to ensure compliance have been developed
- District wide area network has been upgraded
- Rebuilt the technology refresh program from the ground up. We now have the most aggressive refresh program in District history – 200% funding increase
- Schools will now have the flexibility to address their unique needs
- Eliminates most procurement & logistical workload issues for schools
- Wireless lab availability has increased by 104%

- The District's instructional technology vision is to provide leadership and service to improve teaching and learning by advancing the effective use of technology in education
- The District believes there are three stages of technology learning: 1) entry stage; 2) adaptation stage; 3) invention stage
- An instructional technology cadre was formed in 2005. The cadre is composed of school tech specialists and classroom teachers from all levels. They meet as a group twice a month. The cadre's responsibilities lie in both professional development and curriculum development.
- Technology is standards driven by NETS (National Educational Technology Standards)
- The new language arts standards include media & technology alignment
- Approximately 35 different technology trainings for professional development are currently offered with a basic and instructional technology focus
- A reading skills program (student practice activities) in English and Spanish is available for parents, teachers and students on the CSDC website.

Old Business

Public Comment

None.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patsy Howell at 7:44 p.m. The motion carried.

The next meeting of the Curriculum Advisory Committee is scheduled for:

Tuesday, March 20, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. in the Human Resources Conference Room at the Dr. James A. Adams Public Education Center, 2055 Central Ave., Ft. Myers, Florida