

Curriculum Report
MSAD #53 School Board
April 4, 2011

Curriculum

- The Science Curriculum Team met on March 17th. Team members Tammy George (Grade 2) and Kayla Brown (Grades 5/6) reported on pilot *Science Companion* curriculum units. Both teachers are enthusiastic about the curriculum units, noting that the units are well organized, comprehensive, and encourage higher level thinking and literacy skills. Their reports confirm our plans to purchase *Science Companion* units for all grade levels for the upcoming school year. The team learned that Board and PTO member Regina Basford will spearhead a fundraiser to supplement the *Science Companion* units with trade book sets. We outlined a plan for staff in-service and will request a half-day in August to introduce teachers to the new curriculum. The next meeting is scheduled for May 12th.
- The Health Curriculum Team's next meeting is scheduled for April 7th.

Professional Development

- A full in-service day took place March 21st. The focus of this day was data interpretation using NECAP and *iWalkthrough* data. A report will be given during the Board meeting.

Parent Information Event

By all accounts, our 2nd annual Parent Information Event (aka PIE Night), held on March 23rd, was a success. Over 70 parents and students signed in during the first session, more than double last year's attendance. Participants were welcomed by Mr. Gallagher and the Warsaw Jazz Band who gave us a preview of their state competition performance. Guests then selected two sessions to attend during the evening from among nine different workshops (see attached program). Parents, students, and staff enjoyed conversation and fresh pie from Hillman's Bakery during the break. Families who attended two workshops were given a choice of parenting books at the end of the evening to thank them for their support of our schools. This event was truly a collaborative effort by many district teachers and support staff, student helpers, the administrative team, custodians, and the families who attended.

Respectfully submitted,

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