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**Curriculum Committee Meeting
Warsaw Middle School Library
February 7, 2011
6:00 P.M.
Minutes**

Present: Barbara Basford, Peter Snow, Mike Gallagher, Faye Anderson, Stacy Shorey,
Sandy Nevens, Anne Miller

I. Data Driven Dialog: What is it and how are district staff using it to improve instruction?

Mrs. Miller lead the committee members through the data driven dialog process to demonstrate the process that district staff members are learning to use. The essential steps of the process are:

- Make predictions about the data
- Go visual – look at the data using graphs/charts/visual aids
- Make observations
- Interpret – make inferences, reach conclusions, ask questions, plan next steps

Administrative team members described the positive reaction that teachers are having to the data driven dialog process. We are excited about the useful information being derived from assessments and feel that as a district, we have moved to the next and perhaps most important level of data use –informing instruction. Data is being used to determine the focus for whole class instruction, skills block groupings and goals, and interventions for students needing intensive support.

We plan to continue to implement the data driven dialog process. It is critical that we have significant time for teachers to engage in this process during in-service sessions and/or release time.

Respectfully submitted,

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