

Kalkaska Public Schools
CDC
1-18-12
Minutes

Curriculum Mapping

The meeting took place in the computer lab of the Middle School Media Center. Teachers reviewed all of the Curriculum maps that have recently been downloaded to the District Web Page. While a great deal of work has been accomplished there is still more to do. The web page will allow for easy access to all district documents and at the same time act as permanent depository for curriculum work. Hopefully, this new web page will create incentive for all to complete their work and have it saved to the web page.

QAR March 5, 6, 7

All CDC members reviewed the QAR Web Page. A brief discussion of the QAR took place and what each school needed to do to prepare for it. Building principals, at their next Monday one hour staff meeting should go over the web page with staff and discuss the schedule for Tuesday, March 6 and be prepared for the visitation. The visitation will be discussed in depth at our next Administrative meeting.

Homework/Grading

The question was asked at each grade level, "What do you do at your grade level for homework and grading? Most of the discussion centered on homework. These were the responses:

- *6-7-8 Grades - Homework is given. Students who do not complete their work make up their work in a home work center at the end of the school day. There were mixed review on whether or not this was a successful program.*
- *5th Grade - Homework is give, but very few students complete it at home.*
- *4th Grade - Homework is given and about 50% of the students return it on a regular basis.*
- *3rd Grade - Homework is given once a week. A separate homework grade is given on the report card. Most students do their homework.*

- *2nd Grade - 85% to 90% of these students complete their homework at home.*
- *1st Grade - No one was in attendance at the meeting from the first grade at the time of the discussion.*

More discussion on this issue will be discussed within each building.

High School - National Council on Bible Curriculum

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After review of the National Council on Bible Curriculum the following observations have been made:

- *Religion and its impact on World History is already taught at the high school*
- *The reviewed text is not well written for our students*
- *The text appears to be a compilation writings on the chapters of the Bible rather than a text on the Bible and its impact on American History*
- *If the text were to be taught at Kalkaska High School there is no one qualified to teach the subject*
- *There is currently no need for another for another elective class at the high school*
- *There is a perception the addition of this text to the high school curriculum would bring about a question of conflict on Church and State*
- **Recommendation:** *The recommendation is; that Kalkaska School District does not adopt this curriculum; however may look at adopting a World's Religion class sometime in the future.*

Vertical Alignment

Curriculum vertical alignment was discussed. For the most part any further discussion on vertical alignment will take place when all curriculum maps are completed. There will probably be at least one meeting between the staff of KMS and KHS during the remainder of this year.

