

Kalkaska Public Schools

CDC

10-20-11

Minutes

- **Curriculum Updates by Building**

Birch Street Elementary is currently working on professional development provided by the 1st Schools grant. A recent snapshot of the building was taken to analyze how the building operates. People from the grant program will be back to discuss the results.

Cherry Street Intermediate is working on the Math CCSS transition. There was also discussion on the use of writing Workshop as a model to help teachers work with all of the new changes; i.e., CCSS, Glce's, writing Maps, etc.

The Middle School is working on Reading and Comprehension strategies and the transition to CCSS.

The H.S. is continuing their work on math and reading strategies across the curriculum. They are also working on updating their Curriculum Maps. These maps will be added to our curriculum website.

- **Vertical Alignment**

Time will be planned later in the year to get groups from the different schools together to work on curriculum alignment. Prior to doing this administration will determine how the alignment is to be documented and placed on the district website.

- **Curriculum On Line**

While much work on curriculum has taken place over the years it is difficult to find. There will be a major effort this year to see that the results of our work are placed on line and be readily available to all in the future.

- **Open Source Textbooks**

There was discussion on this issue as a direction the district may take in the future. There is a potential cost savings to be found here as opposed to buying a text book curriculum. We will take a look at what Charlevoix has done in this area.

- **District Professional Development**

The greatest emphasis this year will be on the transition to the CCSS. The district will take part in the CCSS P.D. day with the rest of the ISD on Monday, November 7, 2011.

- **AdvanceEd Accreditation**

There will be a Community Accreditation meeting held on Wednesday, November 2, 2011 in the Middle School Media Center from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The CDC will work on the compilation of the artifacts for the QAR visitation that will take place in early March.

There will be another Community Accreditation meeting held in February.

- **Jr. Achievement**

Jr. Achievement of Traverse City recently approached both the Middle School and Cherry Street intermediate to discuss the possibility of running their program in each school. The Middle School is interested and ready to move forward with this program. More discussion will take place at the elementary level.

- **MDE AYP and Ratings - PR**

It was brought up and discussed that Kalkaska Schools did very well this year in their AYP. Rapid City and Birch Street received an A, Cherry Street, the Middle School and the High School received a B. The High School was also noted for having been the most improved school in the TBAISD. This information will be shared at our Accreditation meeting on Nov. 2.

- **National Council on Bible Curriculum**

The Board of Education has been approached on adding this curriculum to the High School Course of Study. The council reviewed what information we currently had. A complete curriculum has been ordered and will be reviewed further.