

Curriculum Instruction Committee Summary, October 20th, 2010

DEFINITION OF THE CURRICULUM INSTRUCTION COUNCIL

The Portage Public Schools' Curriculum Instruction Council, the CIC, in support of student learning, is a representative group of district personnel, parents and community members that review all proposals and initiatives concerning District PreK-12 curriculum, instruction, instructional technology, and assessment. Recommendations from the CIC regarding proposals and initiatives proceed to the Superintendent.

Denise Bresson, the Director of Curriculum and Instruction called the October 20th, 2010 meeting to order and welcomed two new parent members and one new staff member.

Ms. Bresson then led a presentation on Middle School and High School student achievement, including the Balanced Scorecard showing our comparator schools.

Marty Witt shared a brief summary of an assessment recommendation to purchase Performance Series. This assessment program is nationally normed and includes a correlation to Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations. The intent initially is to assess students in 3rd, 5th, and 7th grades. This tool is delivered on-line and includes a link to instructional tools that teachers can use. It can be administered up to 3 times per year.

Ms. Bresson then called for a motion to adopt the Bylaws of the CIC. A member moved to approve and the motion was seconded. A member suggested that parent members be selected by the PTOs in each school. After further discussion, it was decided that PTOs would select the member. It was also decided that if a parent was not selected by the PTO, the principal would be responsible for recruiting a parent to serve.

Ms. Bresson then called for a motion to adopt a high school textbook to support the high school Earth Science learning expectations that were moved to 8th grade because of a review of K-8 curriculum last year and over the summer. After discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Bresson also announced that she will be holding regular meetings for parent members immediately following each CIC meeting. These will conclude at 6:15 p.m.