



OFFICIAL MEETING MINUTES APPROVED – JUNE 3, 2015

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Instructional Services Subcommittee Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2015

9:30 a.m. (time approximate)

District Office – Room 3

M I N U T E S

Present: Mrs. Gayle Cloud, Member, Board of Education; Dr. David Hansen, District Superintendent; Mrs. Lynn Carmen Day, Chief Academic Officer; Mr. Antonio Garcia, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction K-12; Mrs. Gloria Cowder, Director, Program Development and Extended Learning; Mr. Steven Dunlap, Director, Innovation and Learner Engagement; Mr. Chuck Szilagy, Director, Technology Services; Mr. Chuck Hiroto, Retired Administrator, Secondary Education; Mrs. Patricia Tafoya, Administrative Secretary, Secondary Education; and Mrs. Linda Bedsworth, Executive Secretary, Recorder.

Call to order by Mrs. Cloud at 9:34 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes: From the March 11th and April 23rd, 2015 meetings.

1st: Unable to approve due to Mr. Lee's absence - carried over to June 3, 2015 Instructional Subcommittee Meeting.

2nd:

2. Public Relations:

Scheduled Communication: Nothing to report.

Unscheduled Communication: Nothing to report.

3. Tech Plan Advisory Committee: Steven Dunlap

Time to update the current RUSD Technology Plan. Mr. Dunlap is asking the Instruction Subcommittee's input on a new plan. Refer to PowerPoint presentation for other facts. The Board of Education approved the current plan in 2013 and it was a very innovative and forward thinking document but now it needs to be revised and updated.

Needed are the Instruction Subcommittee's priorities to move forward with things such as technology. Mrs. Cloud asked about the expenses associated with this and Mr. Dunlap replied that LCAP funding by need first and then by base funding. First we need to get

everyone to a base level. Mrs. Cloud asked about teacher training and how does RUSD make sure staff is trained? Mr. Dunlap and other committee members responded that this has been negotiated with RCTA for professional development time along with planning collaboratively about instruction and pairing with technology.

The Tech Plan Advisory Committee is asking that a new plan be written aligned to RUSD's LCAP Plan and Board Goals along with the LEA plan and CCSS as to best suit students. Timeline will begin in August and move forward. **Once there is a Draft Proposal in place, it should be brought before a Study Session – possibly in October 2015.**

4. Personalized Learning Proposal: Kristian Sorensen

Mr. Sorensen is the liaison between the district and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with regards to Personalized Learning. Personalized Learning is learning plans that are constructed in collaboration with learners, peers and educators to provide a set of activities that fit the interests and development needs of every student. Each school has different needs and a focus for their students but all are guided by the five (5) designs (Learner Profiles; Personalized Learning Plans; Competency Based Advancement; Flexible Environment; and Socially Engaged Contributors). See the PowerPoint presentation for an overview of the presentation.

Next Steps: Develop framework for teacher skills and feedback; develop student competency based advancements and develop learner profile. It was suggested that this be a Board Study Session on Technology and Personalized Learning in October 2015.

5. New Courses (Math II and Math III (including Special Education and Accelerated) Online Courses: Theresa Butler and Dennis Deets

Refer to the PowerPoint presentation for an explanation of the Math Courses. Will be on the June 1st Board Meeting agenda for approval.

Online Courses - BLAST courses will be for struggling students and has a higher rate of closing the achievement gap as it puts in strengths type of instruction/learning for mastery to state standards. These courses are research-based, academically rigorous and delve into personal skills development.

Elective courses currently at Lincoln High School and Educational Options Center (EOC) are currently unable to be taught because some teachers can't teach elective courses. Other online schools offer elective courses online. Want to make available to students online courses that are a-g approved and approved for "g" as elective. Mrs. Cloud asked that Mr. Deets get back to her regarding the Anthropology section as she has questions on how/what is being taught. Her questions surround the death and dying section.

This will be on the July 20, 2015 Board Meeting agenda for approval.

6. **Suggestions for Future Items: All**

Adjournment at **11:34 AM** by Mrs. Cloud .

Next Instructional Subcommittee Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 3, 2015 @ 1:00 PM