

Teaching and Learning Committee Agenda and Notes

February 4, 2011 8:30 to 10:30

Technology Conference Room (Town Hall)

Present: Ken Murphy, Mary Townsend, Gary Lanoie and Tom Eismeier

1. Welcome all members and presenters to T/L Committee
 - a. Communication protocol through June 2011

Notes: All present agreed that the T/L Committee would review planning and communication with Department Heads after the Superintendent, Administration and School Board members meet at the February 17th Retreat. To review protocol at this point would not let us gain insight from our past to improve our work moving forward.

2. Math and Science Task Force

Notes: This work will follow insights and combined working styles from the Board/DLT Retreat. It will be added as an agenda item at the next Teaching and Learning Workshop.

3. Tom Eismeier review of Workshop Everyday Math

Notes: Tom Eismeier reported on this presentation to Pond Cove parents on January 2011.

Estimated 25 attendees, including Interim Superintendent, School Board Members, Debbie Butterworth the Math Lab Teacher, Pond Cove Teachers, PCPA's President, CEEF's Grants Coordinator, and many parents new to Pond Cove, as well as dedicated Kindergarten through fourth grade parents.

Tom reported that he enjoyed the interactive discussion. The slides were a tool used to illustrate examples of the math problems found in EDM. The intent of the presentation was to share teaching strategies and how students are supported in Pond Cove.

Videotaping the presentation for the district website was discussed. Tom does not believe that videotaping would generate the same open quality of questions and discussions.

He is willing to schedule additional presentations on all curriculum areas to meet the needs of parents.

Tom reported that the District's Math Team is currently looking at the data compiled from assessments and the parent questionnaire on EDM in their curriculum meetings.

3. Review Gary Lanoie Technology's Report and Presentation
 - a. Questions and Comments

Notes: All members shared their positive feedback regarding the Technology report and presentation.

Follow up questions from the presentation and report have been submitted to Gary Lanoie.

4. If relevant, check in regarding monthly work
 - a. Review best practices in workshops
 - b. Suggestions of articles for T/L committee
 - c. Assign any items for the School Board agenda
 - d. Assign any communication
 - e. Discuss any relevant new business with Ken
 - f. Reminders of districts scheduled meetings

Notes: Not Discussed.

5. Set meeting date and place for March Meeting

TBD

Submitted Respectfully by

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