

# QCSD Education/Curriculum Committee

## Meeting Minutes

August 4, 2015

*Committee Members Present:* Mitch Anderson, Fern Strunk, Rachel Holler, Suzanne Laverick-Stone, Lisa Hoffman

*Others Present:* Bill Harner, Greg Leshner

*Next meeting:* September 1, 2015, 6:00 PM, DSC Community Room A

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### I. New Courses Recommendations – 2015-2016

- Math 3 Plus and Math 4 Plus
  - Accelerated courses for some students to move into the next year's content.
  - Continuing to move students who are ready for Algebra earlier
  - Both 3 plus and 4 plus will address grade level content and approximately 25% of the content for the next grade level as well.

### II. Course Revisions – 2015-2016

- Writing curriculum maps – Grades K-5
  - Changes made to reflect Calkins - Units of Study
  - Made sure to emphasize handwriting per board's directions
- Journalism
  - The revisions reflect updates and rewrites of the course

### III. Discussion to clarify secondary grading protocol for *retakes*.

- Highest grade earned moved from 70% to 75%
- Some teachers interpreted this differently.
- Some teachers were giving a percentage OF the grade (70% of an 80)
- The appropriate interpretation: On a 100 point test, a student who reassessed and got a 73, kept the 73. If they earned an 80 they would get a 75.
- On the first teacher day, principals will remind and review the proper way to interpret this so it is not a penalty and is consistent across the classrooms.
- Dr. Harner requested that we give an example directly in the grading guidelines.

### IV. Elementary Math Pilot Update

- Email went to all elementary teachers to attend 2 days to look at pilot materials in June
- Core team of 15 teachers, learning facilitators, and administrators attended both days to review materials and narrowed four choices to two based on set criteria.
  - Eureka Math
  - Math Expressions
  - Everyday Math 4
  - My Math
- Overwhelming response for My Math and Eureka Math – teachers were very excited to look at a different product.
- In every building, both pilots will be occurring. Additionally, between all buildings, each grade level will be represented.
- Greg Leshner, district Math Supervisor, is working on training for these teachers to ensure they are comfortable with the pilot – occurring in August.
- Teachers will receive updated curriculum maps as well.