

Summary

Reading Writing Communication Articulation February 12, 2008

In attendance: Nancy Duffey, Jodi Smith, Katie Weaver, Dacia Myhre, Angie Jagla, Bev McCreary, Mary Symonds, Jane Culp, Cheryl Armstrong, Laura Waldren, Cathy Reasor, Sarah Cabbage, Susan Miller, Debra Carlson, Sandra Schmidt, Ruth Zoble.

Elementary Report Card: Decision has been made to wait on revisions until after a “written curriculum” (more than just a blueprint) for WSD elementary education has been written. The match to the report card reporting system needs to align.

K-10 Writing: Successes and Challenges were shared in this area. Dacia Myhre shared an overview of the Lucy Caulkins writing materials, along with a draft of a possible vertical alignment of how the series might be implemented between grade levels. Discussion followed. Comments were framed around how to help teachers best access the materials, and how to become a better writer ourselves as teachers. Over all, the desire was to build common understandings about writing and identify the essential targets for each grade level. Sara Cabbage shared information about Nancy Atwell’s writing curriculum, Lessons That Change Writers. Non- Negotiables were discussed concerning their implementation and holding kids accountable. Westside High School has been finding success in their process.

Daily 5 and Café: Schools shared how they are putting this into practice. Further discussion will occur at our next meeting in May concerning recommendation for 08-09 adoption.

Phonics: We are going to determine a consistent program. Jodi will pull together our previous review work and any people interested will be invited to come together and find a resource.

Middle School Vertical Teaming in Core: 6-8 Core will align with WHS AP. One teacher from each grade level, from each MS building + AP WHS teachers will work together under Terri Bawden’s leadership.

Daybook: It was recommended and received well to stop consuming the Day Book. Instead, each classroom will receive a CD of the book to use for copies needed when lessons require students to write on the material.

Next Meeting May 13th