

# **SOCIAL STUDIES MEETING MINUTES**

*DECEMBER 7, 2004*

**Members Present:** Laurie Walters, Pam Kalliche, Joan Berland, Patti Sinnott, Matt Grande, John Cahill, Marvin Kreps

On December 7, 2004 the Social Studies Vertical Team met to continue their work on the District's K-12 Social Studies curriculum. The meeting began with a general discussion of the Social Studies program K-12. Each building level representative outlined how Social Studies is currently being instructed. Several issues were raised relating to materials, time on task, scheduling, unit/lesson planning, and results on state tests.

It was generally recognized that the data from the state tests indicate that there are areas in need of improvement in the K-12 Social Studies program. It was concluded by the group that before they could begin their analysis more information and data is required.

The group spent the remainder of the session generating an instrument to survey the Elementary faculty regarding a number of factors relating to the teaching of Social Studies. The instrument will be distributed to the faculty and the team will analyze the results at our next meeting.

Both Matt Grande and John Cahill will gather similar information from the Middle School and High School and will be prepared to present it at the next meeting.