Curriculum Committee Minutes - November 1, 2018

Attendees: Marvin Kreps, Joe Phelan, Lisa Rosenthal, Jaclyn Savolainen, Laura Schulkind

Jaclyn had requested that this committee review what the District offers its most advanced learners so we spent most of the meeting on this topic. Joe provided a copy of Policy 4322 (Programs for the Gifted and Talented), and he and Marvin provided some background. There has not been a Gifted and Talented (G&T) program in RCSD since at least 1992. Prior to that, there had been one G&T teacher in CLS who provided pull-out enrichment services.

New York State does not mandate providing G&T services or opportunities. NYSED only requires that students in 8th grade have the opportunity to take high school courses in mathematics and at least one other area (http://www.p12.nysed.gov/part100/pages/1004.html). In our district, the other area is foreign languages.

In the case of math, BMS offers a compacted curriculum which condenses three years' worth of instruction into two and enables 8th graders to take high school algebra. We use a 5th grade placement test plus teacher input, past achievement, and work habits to come up with candidates for the 6th grade accelerated math class. In keeping with the District's efforts to be inclusive, interested students may join the class even if they didn't meet the criterion. Acceleration is re-evaluated in the first and second quarters.

Marvin emphasized that differentiation is baked into our curricula at the elementary level. In middle school, content level specialists are introduced, students are offered the opportunity to accelerate in math and they can advance into high school level foreign languages in 8th grade if they wish. In high school, we don't select or limit students who want to take AP classes. Joe noted that research has shown increased participation in AP classes has increased benefits to students.

Marvin clarified the terminology of differentiated instruction, tracking (also known as ability grouping), acceleration, heterogeneous versus homogeneous groupings. Differentiated instruction is a delivery model based on doing a series of pre-assessments along multiple categories and tailoring instruction to meet different needs. The National Association for Gifted Children has a useful glossary and extensive other resources: http://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/glossary-terms.

The group discussed some of the issues of equity and access that are inherent in this topic. We also began to talk about some gifted education strategies used elsewhere, keeping in mind that at this point we do not have funding to spare and we want to maintain an inclusive, rather than exclusive, philosophy. This discussion will continue, and Marvin will look into whether it is feasible to compile some useful local datasets.

Websites and resources to explore:

- National Society for the Gifted and Talented: https://www.nsgt.org/
- National Association for Gifted Children: www.nagc.org
- Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth: https://cty.jhu.edu/
- Acceleration Institute: www.accelerationinstitute.org

Next meeting: Thursday, December 6

Respectfully submitted: Jaclyn Savolainen

4.2.2

Long Range Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2018

Attendees: Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Laura Schulkind, Diane Lyons, Steve Jenkins

Citizen's Advisory Committee Meeting

Next meeting date is Nov 15th. All the documents that were worked on last session will be emailed out ahead of time so everyone has the information needed to finalize their priorities.

Pine Plains Overview

Joe shared his conversation with Jr/Sr high school model. They felt their HS/Middle School was disjointed with no collaboration. There was a shifting of administrators with the new model and big picture is that there are more positives than negatives. Admins are taking on more responsibility and there was a big effort on rebranding to the community necessary. Some advantages were integrated 6-12 departments, some clubs, etc.

Enrollment

We reviewed our enrollment for the year. As of BEDS day we are at 995. In reviewing the enrollment trends, we find that we pick up students randomly over time. Classes that start in the 70s can be in the 80s by high school.

Long Range Plan/Budget format

We reviewed some districts that utilize Forcast5 data in their budget and long range plan. We will make decision on format over the next few meetings.

Next Meeting November 20, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Steve Jenkins

4.2.3

Finance Committee Meeting

November 5, 2018

Attendees: Joe Phelan, Tom Burnell, Chris Natoli, Mark Fleischhauer, Steve Jenkins, Liz Raum

New Accounting Software – The district demoed Finance Manager and Wincap. Finance Manager has more districts on it and an updated database going for it. A decision will be made shortly Timeline includes installation, puling and converting the data in Jan/Feb. Running parallel for the spring and going live for next cycle July1, 2019. \$60k was budgeted for the software purchase and cost should come in around that. Ongoing annual charges are BOCED aidable with Finance Manager but not with Wincap.

We discussed the advantages of presenting the first draft of the budget on Feb6. This moves it out a few weeks from prior years, but the advantages are that we will have retirements, inflation numbers, and TRS by then so it will be a more realistic first budget. The finance committee is recommending this change.

We discussed ANE negotiations which are scheduled for Dec10.

Next Meeting: December 6, 2018

Respectfully submitted by Steve Jenkins

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

November 5, 2018

New Business

- 1. Accounting Software Update
- 2. Budget Transfers
- 3. 2019-20 Budget Calendar
- 4. 2019-20 Budget Assumptions
- 5. 2019-20 Budget Format (Haldane & Ken-Ton)
- 6. ANIE Negotiations

Next Meetings:

December 6, 2018

1:00 in District Office Conference Room

January 3, 2019

1:00 in District Office Conference Room

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FINANCE MANAGER

November 2, 2018

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New Paltz, NY 12561

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Proposal for:

Prepared by: Purpose:

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Implementation & Support for nVision

Rhinebeck Central School District

Document for Discussion

*nVision Base Package

Offer expires December 31, 2018 ** one time charge

4,225 10,996 Annual Charge One-Time Charges 3,000 Base package includes: Accounting, Payroll, Human Resources, Budget & Negotiations nVision Annual Maintenance-Requisition nVision Basic Annual Maintenance MHRIC Annual Support-Basic **nVision Base Package Requisition

1,056 3,084

6,548

2,400 4 Buildings 4 Buildings MHRIC Annual Support-Requisition Standard Conversion Fee - Tier 1 ** nVision Implementation

MHRIC Initial training and support-Requisition

11,500 \$2,600 per year ** nVision Training Package (to be completed in partnership with MHRIC) Initial Citrix Licenses Hosting at MHRIC

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Grand Total Estimated otal Annual Charges

Please sign below, in order for the Mid-Hudson Regional Information Center (MHRIC) to amend the Rhinebeck Central School District service request for 2019-2020 in the amount of :

(authorized signature and date)

Superintendent and Business Official

RHINEBECK CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR AND TIME LINES FOR THE 2019-20 BUDGET Date: 10/19/2018

<u>ACTIVITY</u> <u>COMPLETION DATE</u>
Budget calendar adopted by school board
Budget development guidelines and budget forms distributed to budget developers with deadline date to return to Business Office
Budget directions and guidelines reviewed with Administrators. Operations and Maintenance requests, Athletic trip requests, and Field Trip requests from all Administrators submitted to the Assistant Superintendent for review. December 21, 2018
Budget justifications for staffing review with Administrators begins
All detailed budget requests, including instructional and non-instructional staffing, equipment requests, supply needs, and contractual expenditures due from budget developers to the Business Office
Budget justification sessions held with Central Administration. Central Office review concludes. Initial staffing commitments and new program recommendations determined
The recommendation of the Draft Budget Proposal will be the result of work by the Building and Central Office Administrators and will reflect input from staff and shared decision-making committees. Areas where revenues and/or expenses have had to be estimated will be so indicated.
Superintendent present the Finance Committee with "follower" budget draft for review, discussion, and modification; and fund balance projection
Superintendent provides first draft 2019-20 budget under development to Board of Education for review, discussion, and modifications
Presentation and review of Tax Levy Limit, estimated revenues, and tax projection for the proposed budget
Discussion of 2019-20 Budget under development
Tax Levy Limit calculation submitted to NYS Comptroller's Office, State Education Department, and Department of Taxation and Finance
Budget Workshop session for Board of Education and Public (9:00AM - 12:00AM)
Discussion of 2019-20 Budget under development
First publication of Legal Notice of School Budget Hearing and Vote (Annual Meeting) dates. (Must advertise four times within seven weeks with first publication 45 days before date of Annual Meeting)

Annual Meeting (Budget vote and election of Board of Education

Candidates).....