

School Improvement Committee Minutes November 15, 2004

Bob began the meeting by describing a conversation he had with Dr. Dean about the work of the committee – that in fact Dr. Dean was not trying to pry or influence the work of the committee but did think the work being done was important and the Dr. Dean is also very interested in making University High School a model school.

The committee then curricular resources we were able to find – of which there was not a great deal of helpful information. Foreign language and English had some resources online, Peggy Scott was looking into finding the social science curriculum.

The consensus based on the information available was that this may be a good time to complete a curricular inventory and review by the end of the year.

It should be published both online and as a text.

There was a lot of discussion about what the curricular inventory will look like: and it was suggested that it would be good to do research and get faculty feedback before the committee decided on a format for the curriculum template.

Some questions to consider: How will the template accommodate state and national standards? How will it accommodate existing scopes and sequences? Will the curriculum guide we create show the logical steps a student takes in their work at UHS? Will the curricular review enable a better look at assessment and instruction? Will the curricular guide / inventory include a place for department philosophies and school standards?

Action Item: Begin researching a template to use for a school curriculum guide. Seek both local schools and outstanding / high achieving schools as resources. Each committee member was given a school to research and find materials for.

Action Item: Somebody should have a discussion with Jerry about using the spring staff institute day for a curricular review.

Action Item: Did we talk about the list of questions we were assigned for homework?

Action Item: Our next committee meeting will be December 6th at 2:00 p.m.

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