



The PCCS Excellence in Academic Programs Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, September 28, 2009, 1531 Jones Point Road, Prairie Crossing Charter School, in Grayslake, Illinois 60030.

Approved 10/26/2009

Members in attendance:

Barb Provost
Karen Achtemeier
Naomi Dulin
Sherry Halvorsen
Myron Dagley, PCCS Director
Cindy Hooten
Geoff Deigan

Members absent:

Cheryl Pytlarz
Ben Haight
Cynthia McGovern
Andrea Koeniger
Brian Greene, Principal

Consent Agenda

1. Motion to Approve Open Session Minutes: 8/24/2009

Mr. Dagley moved to approve, Geoff seconded the motion, motion carried

2. Motion to Approve Revised Open Session Minutes: 5/18/2009

Mr. Dagley moved to approve, Naomi seconded the motion, motion carried

Discussion Agenda:

- A. Adopt definition of integrated curriculum

One change was made to the definition to reflect the school's charter. The change is underlined in the definition.

Our environmental integrated curriculum breaks down traditional barriers between subjects and makes learning more meaningful to students. We teach interdisciplinary units around environmental themes with which our students can identify. This permits interrelationships and interactions with the knowledge and skills from all content areas.

Prairie Crossing Charter School is a public school that transforms our children through academic discovery and interaction with our unique natural, ecological, and community resources.

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B. Discussion and integration of – Service Learning / Environmental Outline

Naomi provided a copy of the literacy outline with grade notations reflecting when topics are taught. She showed an alternate format (a sample table) which might be easier to use. She will continue to complete the table and provide it at the November meeting.

C. Establish goals/criteria to measure curriculum that comes to the committee

Curriculum that comes to this committee will be assessed by reviewing its content, methodology, and grade band placement. More details will be worked out in future meetings.

Public Comment

No public comment was shared.

Suggestions for Future Agenda

- ✓ Working session for Sections 5-8 of the Charter regarding Education and Curriculum which may include details of content, methodology, and grade band placement
- ✓ Update on curriculum mapping progress
- ✓ Culminating project information sharing
- ✓ Validation of Literacy Outline – November meeting

Adjourn Cindy Hooten motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:47pm, Sherry Halvorsen seconded the motion, motion carried.