

DEIC Minutes

March 19, 2012

- I. Jan Davis called the meeting to order.
- II. The minutes from the January 23, 2012, meeting were approved.
- III. Brenda Duhon presented results from the CSCOPE teacher survey. Curriculum coordinators conducted a study with teachers concerning the advantages and disadvantages of its use. Based on input from teachers using CSCOPE, the following advantages and disadvantages were identified:

Advantages/Strengths

- Aligned with STAAR
- Assessments
- Lesson Setup/Good sequence of instruction
- Great supplemental instruction/enriches lessons
- Up-to-date resources
- Vocabulary
- Rubrics, graphic organizers, PowerPoints....GOOD
- Vertical alignment is key!
- Science specifics:
 - Labs and experiments are great!
 - Covers science topics better than old textbooks
 - Covers all science TEKS

Disadvantages/Weaknesses

- Multi-day and materials intensive—difficult to setup and break down in a timely manner.
- 45-minute classes periods/have to adapt
- No opportunity to modify assessments.
- Supplies are needed for hands-on activities.
- Assumes students have prior knowledge of some skills.
- Assessments are difficult and at the highest level.
- Time consuming for prep.
- Additional training is needed.

Dr. Duhon added that we have been addressing CSCOPE needs throughout the year as follows:

- Sent teachers to the summer CSCOPE conference last summer and will send teachers again this summer (federal funds).
- Region V will offer a one-day CSCOPE conference in July. We will make a determination of the value of the conference once additional information is provided.
- CSCOPE training has been incorporated into staff development opportunities during the school year.
- WebCCAT is being purchased that will allow teachers to modify assessments. Staci Gary commented that the district can expect to have access to WebCCAT before the conclusion of this school year. However, formal training will likely be made available in August.

Based upon teacher and principal responses, the Curriculum Department is recommending the district continue to use CSCOPE as a resource and supplement to instruction.

- IV. Based upon the DEIC committee request for as many teacher workdays as possible for 2012-2013, a tentative August, 2012, staff development plan has been suggested by principals and curriculum coordinators. The plan includes teacher workdays on August 13, 14, 22, 23, and 24; a technology workday on August 17; and staff development days on August 15, 16, 20, and 21. DEIC members expressed appreciation for placing teacher workdays both at the beginning and the end of the back-to-school staff development schedule for 2012-2013.
- V. There was no new business.
- VI. Meeting adjourned