



Minutes

Attendance: Johanna Osharow, Dawn Secketa, Anne Swanson, Vicki Kieffer, Deb Pellettiere, Melissa Passehl, Donna Vandebroek, Elizabeth Miller, Ellen Harris, Pat Termini, Maryann Schultz, Neva Cosmos

- Feb. 7 is the Joint Teacher Institute with Warren High School, District 56 and Millburn. In December, teachers will receive a packet of information listing sessions available in the morning and afternoon. **Sign up forms are due by January 14th!!** Teachers will be notified of their schedule for that day prior to Feb. 7th. Similar to two years ago, teachers should drive to the location of the first morning session, pick up a bus to Woodland Middle School for the keynote speaker, and ride the bus back for the first session. If teachers would like beverages and snacks, please arrive at 7:30. Arbor will provide breakfast (no fruit!) However, the bus will depart from schools at 8:00 to go to Woodland Middle School.

8:00 Bus leaves location of first session to WMS

8:30-9:15 Keynote speaker, Bill Chapin

9:45-11:45 A.M. Session

11:45- 1:00 Lunch and travel to P.M. Session

1:00-3:00 P.M. Session

- Social Studies committee may use Feb. 7 to finish units and create material orders. Teachers have already been notified of the plans for that day.
- In FY06, the district may plan to have a similar staff development schedule as this year to accommodate time in October to learn more about MAP.
- Intermediate Social Studies- Evaluation of SS in Grades 4-5 needs to start in the Spring with a survey for teachers created by committee. Based on survey results, modifications will be made in the summer during NTO (New Teacher Orientation). Volunteers will be accepted for the summer evaluation. Vicki and Melissa are working on this.
- Trailblazers- focus on Grades 4-5 to use this program (voluntary) more for math as an extension from elementary grades.
- Science- Issues that some teachers are not following the scope and sequence of units. Pet projects are taught outside the regularly scheduled sequence of units. Deb and Elizabeth are working together on this.
- Writing- a group of teachers at each grade level will work with Vicki and the reading specialists to plan for Gretchen Courtney next school year.

Next meeting is January 6!!