

SAC Meeting Notes

April 1, 2009

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- 1) Grade Book Software Upgrade: This new interface is more user-friendly and doesn't have a "populate" button. A few teachers on each campus will pilot this upgrade forth quarter. Orientation on this upgrade will be provided during August Teacher Prep Week .
- 2) Visiting Team Major Recommendations: Conversion to the 2009/10 SIP Draft
- 3) Chinese Curriculum Implementation: Chinese has been elevated to a core subject at Morrison. Consultant Teresa Choa has met with Chinese teachers and parents on each campus. Julie Chang has notified Chinese teachers of Morrison's mandatory June 29-Jul 3 Chinese Teachers Academy in Taichung. Morrison will provide meals, housing, and stipend for this professional development. Teachers will have input on this plan on April 13, before SAC makes the final decision on the following issues.
 - a) Daily Chinese schedule K-5, beginning in August 2009
 - b) Textbook: Better Chinese for non-heritage and Nan Yi for Heritage Track.
 - c) Traditional characters K-8. Simplified character introduced in HS
 - d) Pinyin and BoPoMoFo would both be taught
 - e) New Courses scope and sequence implemented K-2 in August 2009
 - f) Nan Yi standards will be adapted to Morrison for heritage course benchmarks.
- 4) 2008/09 Task Forces: Science, PE, Guidance, and Technology curriculum framework documents should be ready for SAC to adopt in May. These documents need a table on contents, topical scope & sequence, and course/grade overviews. Normally, each course have less than 30 benchmarks and achievable in the allotted instructional time.
- 5) 2009/10 Task Forces - Proposed Membership
 - a) Bible / Christian Service Learning[☆]: Matt Smucker, Jim Multra[☆], Alisa Klump, Paul Cablish[☆], Ted Moon, Seppie Myburgh, Teresa Gibson[☆], (Uwe Maurer,) Laura Aldag[☆], Brian Drevets, Shirley Change, Timothy McCracken[☆], Matt Strange
 - b) Spanish: Fong Yih Valez, Caroline Drevets, Matt Strange
 - c) Fine Arts Mid-Cycle: Hsin Yi Hsu; John Schimer, Melody Faris, Tim Heading, Matt Strange
 - d) Language Arts Mid-Cycle: Delay 1 year until procedure #110 is revised
- 6) Spring 2009 Parent Survey: The 2007 instrument will be combined with the questions developed by the Board's School Culture Task Force.
- 7) 2009-10 System Meeting Dates: Task Force section revised
- 8) Procedure Review:
 - a) 180 Internships/Practicum with Taiwan Universities – New procedure
 - b) 361 Vehicle Insurance - In order to reduce the risk of liability to Morrison employees and the school community those who own personal vehicles will required to carry a mandatory levels of insurance coverage effective August 2009. Taiwan validated driver's license will also be mandated effective August 2009.
 - c) 469 Security – Visitors will be required to sign in and present ID during the school day, but not wear ID.
 - d) 861 Library Assistant – Duties revised