

Library Articulation
March 19, 2007

In attendance: Nancy Mowat, Dawn Smith, Sharron Johnson, Kathy Anderson, Dan Gemeinhart, Jeanne Barnes, Kari Mathison, Ron Brown, Teri Fink, Don Johnson, Kriss Crilly, Jodi Smith, Linda Riesterer

1. Presentation and discussion of 5-year plan work—Discussion postponed until March 21 training day.

2. Elementary librarian met with Jodi and Joan. Kriss Crilly in attendance for follow up.

Questions for elementary librarians to consider and send information to Kriss ASAP:

-Is para time after/before school useful? Do we want during the day, during school hours for para? What language should be in the contract regarding when para time is assigned?

-Joan asked elementary principals to put together a schedule that fits their buildings. Will it fit our needs?

-Library overload discussion. Right now overload is 24 sections, Joan is suggesting 28, leaving 500 as the trigger for overload. The "and/or" language is still ambiguous.

-Do we want a minimum block time to count as management time? (yes) How long? Should prep time compare to other staff? (yes)

- We need to get in writing how much management time is needed; possibly X number of students=needing X number of hours management time. Send Kriss your ideas.

-Principals will bring their elementary schedules and share with the elementary librarians at our next meeting(?)

E-mail Kriss your opinion and reasons about the above topics. **Pony Kriss your specialist schedule for this year.** Our 5-Year Plan and CIPP plan will be negatively affected by the suggested elementary changes due to the art specialist and the possibility of 2 kindergarten classes per class per week. We unanimously agreed there should only be one kindergarten class in the library per week.

Jodi threw out one suggestion for collaboration time: meet after school with groups and time sheet the time.

Jeanne asked a pivotal question: what is the district's vision of the role of elementary libraries? We asked Jodi to discuss this with Joan and see if they could give us an answer.

3. Ron reported that the Destiny price of \$60,000 is for the bare bones product, and will require \$750 per building, per year, for maintenance fee and tech support. Much discussion followed. The ESD is negotiating for a statewide purchase of Destiny, but Ron said after 2 years, the cost benefit will disappear and the processing speed is very poor. The district is not considering purchasing Destiny with the additional costs for all the add-on features. Some people would be happy with the bare bones version, but some want at least some of the add-on features. Several librarians said they can no longer support purchase because they cannot afford the \$750 per year fee. Consensus: we would still like to have the bare bones version if the district will also commit to the yearly maintenance fee.

Ron will investigate what the web based CASPR product—Library Net—would cost. We are concerned that the non-web CASPR will soon be a thing of the past.

To do for everyone: E-mail Ron what CASPR doesn't do now that we want it to do. He needs to understand why Destiny is enough of a superior product to justify the huge expense difference.

Ron will look into the price for Turbo Tools and the possibility of tech funds buying it for the district.

4. There will be a \$200 stipend from WLMA for pathfinder development. Templates are in the process of being developed.

5. Call for legislative action on library funding. Be sure to call your legislator to get support for the bill to provide library funds. See your e-mail from last week.

6. October 10, 2007 training date conflict. Changed to October 17.