PLC Minutes

October 29, 2014

Room 36

Treats: Andrea – thanks!

PLC Members: Sheila Cummings, Kathleen Horner, Misty Olds, Kyle Roelfsema, Kristi Shanenko, Sarah Lerud, Peggy Kvien, Andrea Johnson, Lori Justesen, Carmelle Kuehn

Members Absent:

1. Minneapolis PLC Conference (Sheila and Peggy’s names submitted) – we will wait to hear if one or both can attend
2. Make rubric for evaluating textbooks: Pearson, Houghton-Mifflin, and EMC Publishing – rubric complete! It looks good (see below)! Each member took a rubric home and will have completed by the Dec. mtg.
3. Clean out speech closet – We walked up and labeled all things to be moved by custodial staff.
4. Manga discussion continued (Did we come to consensus over email?) – The consensus is NO; these will not count for AR pages. It is mostly pictures. They are not graphic novels. S. Lerud will not stock these in the resource center.
5. Comparison of two common core flipbooks – K. Horner shared that the flipbook provided by A. Zachrison is very helpful and does have some additions ours do not, like a vocab list. She said for the $25/per book price tag, though, they are not a necessity. Thank you, K. Horner, for reviewing these!
6. K. Shanenko shared some resources suggested by A. Zachrison for our PLC: Marzano Research Labs Common Core Implementation Training webinars (free) and the book How to Teach Thinking Skills Within the Common Core. Thank you for these resources! Our PLC would like to watch these webinars as a group if time/agendas allow.
7. S. Lerud shared some exciting info about Office365! She said it will make google docs obsolete. We are very excited to know more and to begin using this program but are waiting for the go-ahead from Bryan.
8. SmarterBalanced test prep – any updates? - tabled
9. Continue curriculum alignment 7-12 - tabled
10. Grammarly.com demo at an upcoming meeting – K. Horner - tabled

Meetings Remaining *:* **November 12, December 3, January 28, March 11, April 22, & May 13**

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|  | Pearson | Houghton-Mifflin | EMC |
| Common-core-aligned |  |  |  |
| Size/Weight of Book |  |  |  |
| Attractiveness |  |  |  |
| Variety of Selections |  |  |  |
| Supplemental Materials |  |  |  |
| Online texts for all selections |  |  |  |
| Audio for all selections |  |  |  |
| Alternative, leveled curriculum |  |  |  |
| Any extra incentives for ordering? Novels? Technology? |  |  |  |
| Layout/clutter/headache-inducing or not? |  |  |  |
| Other? |  |  |  |
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Rubric for Textbook Selection

Bring to the December meeting!