

ASD RCCP Steering Committee Meeting

Aug. 8, 2006 Meeting Minutes

Attending: Heidi Hermansen, Sheila Judge Hall, Julie Struebel, Vicki Hodge, Robyn Rehmann, Anne Salzer, Sue Toymil, Becky Severson, Michael Kerosky

Excused: Enid Silverstein, Cheryl Hilmes, Patty Clem, Vickie Blakeney, Ed Graff

The meeting was started with a gathering.

Michael Kerosky reviewed the purpose of the RCCP Steering Committee. He explained that district-wide coordination of RCCP will be coordinated through this committee. He thanked everyone for their time and dedication.

Mr. Kerosky informed the group that the Anchorage School District did not receive the Character Education grant that was applied for in April. Consequently, the Social and Emotional Learning pilot schools will be as follows:

Elementary Schools: Baxter and Bowman

Middle Schools: Romig and "Muldoon" (next year)

High Schools: East and Service

Members asked for a copy of the ASD SEL Standards and Benchmarks. (They are enclosed.)

This year, there will also be two elementary RCCP Demonstration schools; schools that have elected to fully implement the complete RCCP effort over the next two years. The RCCP Demonstration Schools will help document that there is an academic, climate and social difference in schools that use the full RCCP program. (This data can then be used to seek out additional funding for RCCP efforts district-wide.) Those two schools are Creekside Park and Campbell Elementary. Safe and Drug Free Schools will provide a larger mini-grants to these two schools to help with the implementation. In addition, SDFS staff will assist with data gathering and compilation, as well as fund and coordinate RCCP trainings for staff. Discussion was held on a process for gathering academic progress data; principals were going to check with staff, with further discussion at the next RCCP Steering Committee meeting.

Vickie Blakeney and the new Elementary SEL Coach will coordinate any RCCP trainings for the SEL pilot schools with those of the RCCP demonstration schools. After some discussion, the principals involved agreed that this year there was a need for three different trainings:

1. A RCCP Intro Class – mostly for new staff at Baxter, Creekside and College Gate.
2. A RCCP Refresher Class/Book Study – mostly for Campbell, Creekside and Baxter.
3. A Mediation Staff training and a Faculty/Staff training on mediation – mostly for Creekside.

There was agreement that all schools involved would pool SDFS mini-grant funds along with SDFS funds to make these trainings possible. Trainings would be open to other schools as space allowed. Campbell agreed to share their mini-grant from last year to show everyone how to use the funds in this manner. (Campbell 2005-2006 mini-grant is enclosed).

The group reviewed plans for the RCCP Fall Gathering. The date of September 28 is reserved on the master calendar with 40 substitute teachers. A suggestion was made to consider moving the Gathering to a Saturday. After much discussion, the committee came to consensus on the idea. Principals present agreed to explore the option with their staff, and email the results to Michael Kerosky by Aug. 18, 2006. If there is enough support from teachers, the Gathering will be moved. Becky Severson will check on the availability of training rooms or schools for the day. A final date will be set after Aug. 19, 2006.

Other logistics of the training were discussed. The committee agreed on the theme: "Pulling It All Together – Making RCCP Work Across All Content Areas." The RCCP Gathering will use the Open Space format; sessions/breakouts created and facilitated by attendees based on the theme. An Open Space guide was reviewed (and is enclosed.) A detailed description will be included in the Gathering announcements so attendees can make an informed decision to attend this type of training. Lunch will be provided for a \$5 charge.

Before the meeting ended, Michael relayed to the committee that the ASD SEL Standards and Benchmarks are up for Board approval Monday, Aug. 14, 2006 at 6:30 PM. He also let the committee know that Linda Lantieri will be conducting a retreat and professional coaching training for the SDFS staff on August 23 & 24, 2006. He will arrange for an evening dinner with Linda for those who are interested; tentative date: the evening of Aug. 23.

Please mark your calendars:

The next meeting of the RCCP Steering Committee is September 5, 2006 from 4:00-5:30 PM in the SDFS East Wing portable.

ASD RCCP Mediator Rally: May 15, 2007