

**MSAD #53 School Board  
Curriculum Report  
October 2011**

To: MSAD #53 Board of Directors  
From: Anne Miller  
Re: Board Report for September 2011  
Date: October 3, 2011

**Curriculum Committees 2011-2012**

School Board members are welcome to attend all curriculum committee meetings.

- English/Language Arts/Literacy – 11/1, 1/5, 4/5, 2/28 (3 - 4:30)
- Math – 11/3, 3/1, 5/3 (3 – 5)
- Science – 10/18, 12/8, 1/26, 3/22, 4/24 (3 – 4:30)
- Social Studies – 10/4, 12/1, 1/24, 3/8, 5/10 (3 – 4:30)

I have observed several math classes this month to assess implementation of the Saxon math program, particularly in K and 1. Teachers are reporting that they like the lesson format and find it relatively easy to follow. I have seen active and engaged students in classrooms. It looks like we're off to a great start.

**Gifted/Talented Program**

We have made a procedural change this fall in how we develop plans for students in order to get all students' plans refreshed more quickly. Previously, meetings were scheduled for every identified student with parents and teachers. While these meetings were productive and very positive, the sheer number of meetings scheduled meant that some students' plans were not being created or updated until as late as November. This year, teachers are drafting individual G/T student plans and sending them to me for review. I will then mail the plans to parents for approval. At that time, parents can request a meeting if desired, or approve the plan as is. All parents have the opportunity to meet with teachers at our regular parent/teacher conference sessions in November. My goal is to have all plans mailed by the end of September.

**Title I**

Our Title I programs are up and running in record time this year. All Title I staff began working with students in class the second week of school, and pull-outs began the third week. My thanks go to a dedicated, efficient, and professional staff. ☺

**Professional Development**

An overview of our district professional learning plans for the year will be provided at the Board meeting.