

CURRICULUM REPORT

I. District Advisory Committee (DAC)

Areas that the DAC team is focusing on at this time include the following: technology, district calendar and staff development.

In the continual review and implementation of the Technology Plan, the team of DAC members are analyzing the components of the plan that identify items to be purchased for the 2005-2006 school year. The final proposal will be completed during the winter months.

During January 2005, the DAC members will provide input on the proposed District #10 calendar for the 2005-2006 school year.

Staff development plans are being finalized for the remaining in-service days in the 2004-2005 school year. As in the most recent years, the workshops are designed with the specific needs of each grade level center. Components of the workshops are identified below.

II. Preparation for Winter 2005 Workshop Days

On January 24th, March 4th and March 7th, Itasca School District's certified staff members will be participating in three teacher workshop days. These workshops will provide a variety of in-service opportunities in analysis of curricular objectives, student data analysis, technology and effective teaching techniques. Although these topics will focus on meeting the academic needs of all students, an emphasis will be placed on the needs of the gifted learner and providing differentiated instruction.

In an effort to coordinate instruction with state standards, staff members will work on analyzing the materials and information provided by the Illinois State Board Education. This will include reviewing their building's goals, as well as matching the district's curricular objectives with the state's frameworks.

To further our ability to meet the needs of talented and gifted students, a very well known presenter, Bertie Kingore, will lead the Benson and Peacock staff members in their understanding of differentiation. At Franzen, the staff will continue their development of instructional activities and lessons that provide for differentiation of instruction.

Additional opportunities will include technology related activities. The primary level teachers will be updating their building's website. In addition, the teachers will analyze and apply newly purchased software.

Intermediate level teachers will focus on the implementation of the "School Improvement Process". With their school's testing results, teams of teachers will be meeting to analyze the results under the leadership of Bob Gerry (Testing Specialist).

Peacock staff members will be focusing on curriculum analysis and differentiation of instruction to meet the needs of talented and gifted students.