



# ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Curriculum Council Meeting Notes

September 26, 2017

Location: J2/J3

3:30-5:00 pm

### 1. Welcome

Cathleen Corella welcomed the group.

### 2. Norms

Presenters: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen reviewed the following norms with all members:

- Ask questions
- Engage fully
- Integrate new information
- Open you mind to diverse views
- Utilize what you learn

### 3. Building Relational Capacity Activity

Presenters: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen began "The Spider Web" game. The purpose of this activity is to get everyone to share something about themselves and get to know one another. The game consists of introducing yourself and saying something about yourself that others might not know. At the same time you hold on to a piece of string and pass it along to whomever you want, not necessarily someone you know or is next to you. As everyone holds a piece of the string and passes it along to a different person, it creates a "spider web" showing that we are more connected than we are different. Cathleen stressed the importance of using the AVID handbook as it has many good building activities for both staff and students.

### 4. District/Educational Services Update

Presenters: Dr. Gunn Marie Hansen

Dr. Hansen welcomed everyone and thanked everyone for being part of Curriculum Council. Dr. Hansen started by introducing herself as the Interim Superintendent. On the September 14, 2017 board meeting the board appointed Dr. Hansen as the Interim Superintendent until a Superintendent is appointed. She also announced that Anne Truex would be filling in as Interim Assistant Superintendent while Dr. Hansen is filling in as Interim Superintendent. Dr. Hansen explained how the search for the next Superintendent was going to be and an estimate time frame of when the district will have a new Superintendent. She will keep everyone posted with updates.

## **5. Study Session...Two Bit Circus Foundation**

Dr. Leah Hanes & Justin Finuliar

Two Bit Circus Foundation formally known as “Trash for Teachers” is a nonprofit educational organization designed to cultivate the next generation of inventors, advance environmental stewardship and spur community engagement. Combining the inspiration of Two Bit Circus with castoff material from hundreds of manufacturers, the programs help students learn STEAM education and innovation skills while inspiring critical and creative thinking. STEAM Carnival is a social amusement platform for all ages that uses technology infused games and immersive hands-on experiences that leverage people’s passion for music, fashion, and games to engage them in STEAM: science, technology, engineering, art, and math. STEAM Carnival inspires the next generation of doers, dreamers, innovators and inventors with never-before- seen tech, immersive entertainment circus-inspired hijinks, high- flying performances, art and more. The program aims to be a complete replacement for the traditional science fair.

The program consists of teacher professional development, consumable classroom materials, STEAM lab deployment, STEAM Workshops, and the STEAM Carnival. Some of the items also included in the lab are; tool benches, tables, STEAM carts, and they also can do custom designs. Justin introduced a concept they call “Gamification” which is a concept of rewards and consequences. For example, a game has the following components: Space, components, mechanics, rules, and a goal. Members were put into groups and asked to re-invent an already existing game using the components previously mentioned. Members worked in groups, shared ideas, which gave them hands on experience on the curricula involved in Two Bit Circus.

The second interactive game consisted of members creating a game with items given to them. The game must contain the following elements:

- Must be playable (and winnable)
- Must have written rules
- Must have a name
- Must incorporate three STEM disciplines

Each table presented their game and explained what their game consist of. After the final exercise, both presenters thanked everyone and looked forward to bringing their program into more schools within the OUSD.

## **6. Curriculum Updates**

Presenter: Cathleen Corella

Cathleen talked about the upcoming professional development days for the 2017-2018 school year. A handout was given to members with dates and information on each training being provided. Cathleen also mentioned that the next adoption that the district is looking in is for Chinese, Calculus, Spanish for Spanish Speakers, and Social Studies Secondary. During the school year, teacher groups will be reviewing textbooks for the adoptions previously mentioned. Both Cathleen and Lisa will be in communication with principals with more information as it becomes available.

## **7. Closing**

\*Cathleen thanked everyone for coming and the meeting adjourned at 5:00PM