

Yaak School Curriculum Committee Meeting Notes
2:30-3:30 pm, January 25, 2023

Committee Members Present:

Trish Lauer, Board of Trustees and Committee Chair

Sabre' Alderete, Head Teacher

Community Members: Ron Webb, Bill Sullivan, Sherri Oehlke, Herb Oehlke,
Chiena Bridges

- Welcome and self-introduction of members
- Overview of Committee responsibility, reference Yaak School Policy 1130
- Sabre' presented background information on the curriculum standards review process, referencing the handout 'Yaak School Curriculum Committee' which was copied from the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) training materials. This included the responsibility of various parties at state and local levels (pp2-5), the state content review cycles (pp 19-20), and a tour of the OPI website where content standards and curriculum guides can be found (screenshot, p 13).
- Trish presented the 'Yaak School Curriculum Review Schedule, updated 1/25/23' and discussed how we will be attempting to synchronize our schedule with the state review cycles. It was agreed that we would start our review with the Technology Integration (TI) content area. Once TI review is complete, we will start on Library Media.
- Sabre' presented the document 'Montana Content Standards for Technology Integration for K-12' and reviewed the Coding Standards. Sabre' then began a detailed review of the TI grade level standards for Kindergarten, First, Fourth and Sixth through Eighth grades, the grades for which instruction is currently being done.
- Throughout the review of the TI grade standards, Sabre' fielded inquiries from committee members and led discussion on how each of the content standards was being met in various areas of instruction. One gap that was identified was for content standard TI.GC.4 which relates to Global Collaboration. The committee discussed possible ways of filling this gap, including pen pal programs or other ways of collaborating with classrooms from a different culture.
- Meeting ended with an agreement to continue to meet monthly for an hour prior to the Board Meeting. Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 15, 2023 at 2:30 pm.