

Midland Public Schools

Curriculum and Special Services (CaSS) Study Committee Minutes

Monday, February 27, 2012, 1:30 p.m.

Members Present: John Kaminski (chair), Lynn Baker, Carl Ellinger, Kathy Ellison and Gary Verlinde

Meeting Location: Chestnut Hill Elementary, Gymnasium

Instructional Consultation Team (ICT)

ICT Facilitators Bob Paris, Gaye Beebe, Carol Brown and Lisa Hohman provided a presentation that explained the current Response to Intervention process used by Midland Public Schools. The IC facilitators are currently funded through a grant by the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow Foundation. The grant has covered the first three years of implementation and will continue for two more years to provide support to develop a systematic problem-solving process in the district to help support at-risk learners and reduce the number of students identified with a Learning Disability. The facilitators presented a PowerPoint presentation that outlined the process for identifying students that need assistance.

The facilitators outlined the IC process and the process for teachers requesting assistance from a case manager to collaboratively problem solve on issues related to student academic and behavioral difficulties. The ICT process allows for a focus on what children can do and what instructional conditions we need to create for students to have academic success. There were teacher testimonies from Beth Quimby, Deb Kaiser, Mary Smith and Amanda VanHoey. The teachers also answered follow-up questions that were asked by the committee members.

EXPLORE / PLAN

Bob Cooper, Mathematics and Testing Coordinator, provided a brief overview of MPS's participation in EXPLORE / PLAN testing.

Next CaSS meeting: April 16, 2012