

# Victor Central School District

## Minutes

### Curriculum Council

October 11, 2018  
 Senior High Library Nook  
 3:30 - 5:00 pm

#### Roles:

Facilitator: Kristin Swann  
 Time Keeper: Jen Check

Minutes: Tom Cheevers  
 Refreshments: Bring your own

**Members:** ~~Jen Check~~, Tom Cheevers, Krista Cooper, Luciana Cursino-Parent, Karl Dubash, Robin Halladay, Linda Izzo, Katherine Kopp, Caroline Lattimer, Necia Marchetti, Mike Myers, Eric Pasho, Carol Prescott, Kristin Swann, Staci Thibodeau, Danyelle Westbrook, Tom Zaccardo

#	Topic/Subject	Person Responsible (if not all)	Time Allotted	Purpose/ Proposed Action				
				For Info	Work Session	Make Recommendation	Assign Task	Make a Decision
<b>Opening</b>								
1	Welcome	Facilitator	1 min					
2	Approve Minutes of 06/14/18	Facilitator	3 min					
3	Review Agenda	Facilitator	1 min					
<b>Guest Presentation</b>								
4	Course Recommendations	Carrie Goodell	15 min	<p><u>Presentation on Victor Senior High School Online Coursework</u></p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In the past, alternative high school was an option at VCS</li> <li>• Following alternative high school ending, Accelerate U created for credit recovery</li> <li>• Collaboration with administration, instructional support teams, department collaboration, VTA, and HR helped create online learning opportunities</li> </ul>				

				<p><b>Current Online Learning Opportunities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environmental science (15 students)</li> <li>• College Algebra (15 students)</li> <li>• English (13 students)</li> <li>• Accelerate U (10 students)</li> </ul> <p>All online learning opportunities require mastery grading where students must complete each assignment fully before moving on to the next assignment</p> <p>Kristin asked a question regarding student population. Carrie clarified that the student population for online courses is both juniors and seniors.</p> <p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continued progress monitoring</li> <li>• Modify current courses and identify additional courses for 2018-2019</li> <li>• Secure funding and staffing</li> </ul> <p>Jeanne Christman commented that online learning opportunities is very exciting.</p>
5	Summer Reading Support	Natalie Sonnenville	15 min	<p>Kristin shared the context for summer reading support. Historically, we have struggled with low participation in summer reading programs.</p> <p><u>Literacy Partnership</u></p> <p><b>Background</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnership with Victor Parks &amp; Recreation</li> <li>• Three librarians helped support students over the summer</li> <li>• 30 minutes lessons</li> </ul> <p><b>Attendance</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average 289 students per week</li> </ul> <p><b>Literacy Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exposure to multiple literacy sources (print and e-books)</li> <li>• Creative writing activities</li> <li>• Team building activities</li> </ul>

				<p><b>Feedback from Students</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● PreK-2: 91% enjoyed</li> <li>● Grades 3-5: 81% enjoyed</li> <li>● Grades 6-8: 53% enjoyed</li> </ul> <p>Students in the future would like more hands-on experiences and the ability to check out books</p> <p><b>Future Considerations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Changing name from “library”</li> <li>● Partnering older students with younger students</li> <li>● Book club structure</li> </ul> <p><b>Questions/Comments</b></p> <p>Carol Prescott asked about partnering with Victor Free Public Library. Danyelle Westbrook spoke to the many programs at Victor Free Public Library.</p> <p>Roni Puglisi spoke to past summer reading programs and success with having students check out books. She thanked the librarians for their work this summer.</p> <p>Kristin spoke to how in the past older students haven't been targeted for summer reading.</p> <p>Mike Myers suggested an online resource (Libby).</p> <p>Linda Izzo asked about targeting students who are not attending parks and recreation but may struggle with reading. Kristin stated that student participation when targeting specific student populations in the past has been low.</p> <p>Carol Prescott shared out about success with the Girl Scout Gold award getting books in the hands of students as well as class field trips to the Victor Free Public Library to check out books and sign up for library cards.</p>
6	Mental Health	Jeanne Christman (VCS Parent)	30 min	<p>Kristin shared out the context for Jeanne's presentation on mental health.</p> <p>Jeanne shared out her experiences as a parent in regards to mental health</p>

				<p>Jeanne has presented to V.O.I.C.E on mental health.</p> <p>Kristin shared out possible next steps for how curriculum council can better address mental health needs within the district</p>
<b>Old Business</b>				
7	Goal Approval	All	5 min	Consensus reached on all goals discussed at shared-decision making training in September.
<b>New Business</b>				
8	Mental Health Discussion	Kristin	15 min	<p>Karl Dubash proposed a possible action item of learning what we do already to address mental health needs at each building.</p> <p>Kristin asked the question if learning more about emotional first aid would be a beneficial focus for curriculum council. In addition, would it be beneficial to research additional social-emotional professional development opportunities for all staff.</p> <p>Linda Izzo asked if mental health professional development opportunities should be researched by PPS staff or professional development committee.</p> <p>Staci Thibodeau proposed the question of if mental health first aid being the right program for all students. Kristin commented that the role of curriculum council would be to research multiple programs.</p> <p>Necia Marchetti spoke to the importance of having parent representation on a committee making mental health program decisions.</p> <p><b>Proposals (Kristin):</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Kristin to speak with the professional development committee about researching mental health programs.</li> <li>● Curriculum council to spend time researching social-emotional learning standards.</li> </ul> <p>Members reached consensus on both proposals.</p>

9	Standard Based Grading	Kristin Swann	5 min	<b>Proposal (Kristin)</b> Curriculum council will research standard based grading  Members reached consensus on proposal.
<b>Closing</b>				
10	Review Assigned Tasks	Minute Taker	2 min	
11	Set Agenda & Roles For Next Mtg.	Facilitator	2 min	
12	Parking Lot Attendant	Facilitator	2 min	1. - 2. - 3. -
13	Round Table	All	4 min	

**Future Meeting Dates: 11/8, 12/13, 1/10, 2/14, 3/14, 4/11, 5/9, 6/13**