

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
DISTRICT PRESENTATION ROOM
October 8, 2009, 5:30 p.m.**

Minutes

Members in attendance: Dr. Julie Altman, Dr. John Brady, Rita Gedansky, Diane Crocco, Tom Hurley, Angela McNabola, Dr. Charles Britton, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Robert Slie, Sheila Wycinowski

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Diane Crocco made a motion to approve the minutes for September 17, 2009. Angela McNabola seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dr. Britton introduced a series of proposed textbooks from the Applied Education Department. The first text he presented was a culinary text, International Cooking. He noted this advanced text is ideal for students to learn about culture and cooking. Much discussion centered around the use of the text, the number of copies to be purchased, and the role of the committee in the process.

Rita Gedansky made a motion to approve the text, Diane Crocco seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Britton then presented the text, Project - Based Auto CAD. The text will be used in an elective course for students in grades 10–12. The price of the text is \$55.69. The department will need approximately 15 copies. Dr. Britton noted the book provides four full-length and advanced Auto CAD projects and will allow students to apply their Auto CAD skills to authentic projects. He also noted students would be able to work independently on these projects.

Mr. Tom Hurley made a motion to approve the text and Angela McNabola seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Britton asked the committee if they could move the agenda and discuss the new course proposal, 3-D CAD Modeling. The committee agreed. The focus of the course is to introduce students to 3-D modeling concepts. Students would have an opportunity to build upon their CAD skills by creating 3 dimensional designs. Students will be able to use the 3-D printer to execute their designs.

Dr. Britton then presented the textbook Learning Autodesk Inventor that would support the new course. The book provides step by step use of the inventor program. This text would be used in an elective course open to students in grades 11-12. The price of the text is \$48.00. Mrs. Wycinowski noted the text could be purchased through the Carl Perkins Grant.

Diane Crocco made a motion to approve the new course, 3-D CAD Modeling. Angela McNabola seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The course proposal will be clarified prior to the Board of Education meeting. Angela McNabola made a motion to approve the text, Rita Gedansky seconded the motion. The text was approved unanimously.

The next text Dr. Britton presented was the French 2 text Bien Dit 2. This text is the second text in the approved series. The text is proficiency based and incorporates technology. The cost of the text is \$67.95. The publisher will provide free teacher resource materials and the text has on-line resources for students.

Angela McNabola made a motion to approve the text, and Diane Crocco seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Britton then presented a new art course, AP Studio Art 3-D. The course is based on portfolio assessment, and the portfolio addresses large sculptural issues. Students have expressed an interest in this course. Much discussion ensued with regard to staffing and associated cost.

Diane Crocco made a motion to accept the new course, AP Studio Art 3-D, and Angela McNabola seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The next part of the agenda focused on an overview of educational technology. Mr. Gohsler introduced the committee to the Smartboard, Moodle and Atlas. The committee also had a tour of the server room.

The committee adjourned at approximately 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Wycinowski
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