

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
DISTRICT PRESENTATION ROOM  
October 30, 2008, 5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

**Members in attendance:** Joe Abbatiello, Julie Altman, Dr. John Brady, Charles Britton, Diane Crocco, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Thomas Hurley, Robert Slie, Sheila Wycinowski

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson, Julie Altman, at 5:00 p.m. in the District Office.

Diane Crocco made a motion to approve the minutes of October 16<sup>th</sup>, Joe Abbatiello seconded the motion. The minutes of October 16, 2008 were approved.

**New Text Proposals**

Expresate 1B by Humbach, Chiquito, et al, Holt/Harcourt, 2008.

Dr. Britton presented the text, Expresate 1B. The current text is outdated. The new text incorporates technology and promotes oral and written proficiency goals. Diane Crocco made a motion to approve, seconded by Joe Abbatiello. Motion carried.

Ni Hao 4 by Shumang Fredlein and Paul Fredlein, ChinaSoft Pty Ltd., 2008.

Dr. Britton introduced the text Ni Hao 4 to the group. The text is recommended for Grade 12, for Mandarin Chinese 4. The enrollment/scope and sequence is expanding and the ultimate goal will be to prepare students for Advanced Placement in the future. Tom Hurley made a motion to approve, seconded by Diane Crocco. Motion carried

Bien Dit by John DeMado, Holt, 2008.

Dr. Britton introduced the text Bien Dit. The text is for Introductory French I. Currently, French is not offered at the middle schools. This new text will facilitate oral communication, incorporate technology and is proficiency driven. There is a strong emphasis on culture and geography. Tom Hurley made a motion to approve, seconded by Joe Abbatiello. Motion carried.

**World Language Discussion – French/Latin**

Dr. Britton discussed the Board goal of expanding the Latin program. Discussion centered around the proposed scope and sequence 7-12 and the prepared chart shared with the committee. The committee reviewed the chart and suggested some change in chart to promote clear communication. Julie Altman noted the Latin Four Program and eventual introduction of an Advanced Placement course will meet the Board of Education goals and benefit students.

**Data Team Training**

Ms. Vincenta Gibbons and Mr. Jason Tracy, Assistant Principals at Amity Middle School, presented a PowerPoint to highlight the key elements of data team training at Amity Middle School. The key elements of the training module will be training teachers to: examine/analyze data in teams to improve formative assessments in all content areas to inform and improve instruction. Leslie Abbatiello from ACES will serve as the Middle School trainer.

Charles Britton, Principal at Amity High School, outlined the highlights of the data team process at the high school. Dr. Britton, during spring 2008, identified a broad based data team of teachers at Amity High School. He trained the team in his data warehouse system (SPSS) during summer 2008 and will continue training them during school-year 2009-2010. Dr. Britton walked the committee through his data warehouse system, highlighting the software's capabilities and its intended use to access/analyze student data to improve instruction at Amity High School.

Committee member Tom Hurley made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Diane Crocco seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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