

**AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
DISTRICT PRESENTATION ROOM
OCTOBER 3, 2006**

Minutes

Members in attendance: Dr. John Brady, Rita Gedansky, Thomas P. Hurley, Joe Abbatiello, Dr. Edward Goldstone, Mr. Robert Slie, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Deborah Farber, Sheila Wycinowski,

Guests: Christine Diehl, Janice Holzer, Brian Goldstein, Cynthia Ratchelous, Harold Freedman, Cara Haas, Alberta Conte, Deborah DeMeo

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairperson, Rita Gedansky.

The minutes of May 15th were amended to reflect Mrs. Gedansky's absence.

Fundamentals of Math – Pre-Algebra, Siegfried Haenisch, AGS Publishing, 2004
Basic Math Skills, August V. Treff and Donald N. Jacobs

Christine Diehl and Deborah DeMeo presented a new core text for 7th and 8th graders. The current text is difficult. The new text is more appropriate with excellent readability and a format which is appropriate for this age and level. There are more practical applications and practice contained within the texts. (See Attached) Mr. Hurley proposed the text be sent to the Board of Education for review. Mr. Abbatiello seconded. The motion carried.

Science – Prentice Hall Physical Science, Prentice Hall Science Explorers Series, Pearson-Prentice Hall, 2005.

Mr. Brian Goldstein presented the Science text for review. The present text is nine years old. The proposed text is an updated version of the present text. It emphasizes science inquiry and aligns well with the new Science Framework and will prepare students for the eighth grade science CMT testing in 2008. Mr. Hurley proposed the text be sent to the Board of Education for review and Mr. Abbatiello seconded. The motion carried.

Department Heads from Amity Senior High School reported on Summer Curriculum Projects:

Mr. Robert Kuhsel, Department Head Applied Education, presented the Summer Curriculum Projects for Applied Education. He noted all guides comply with Carl Perkins federal guidelines and state frameworks.

Mrs. Janice Holzer, Department Head Media and Fine Arts, reported on curriculum written for Music Honors Strings, a newly designated course and music keyboard.

Ms. Alberta Conte, Department Head World Languages, noted a course outline was prepared for the new Mandarin Chinese course. Assessments and more detailed lessons and instructional support materials will be added throughout the school year. The Spanish IV Level I course was written to better prepare students for academic achievement based on department curriculum work.

History/Social Studies – Ms. Cara Haas, Department Head History/Social Studies, presented the work of teachers preparing United States AP History course. Our current two year cycle had to be modified/adjusted in order to address AP College Board Standards.

English – Mr. Harold Freedman, Department Head English, spoke about the revision of the current English course to meet the AP course guidelines.

Science – Dr. Edward Goldstone presented Science department curriculum revision. Two new guides were written to address two new courses: Science Research and Forensics. All other courses were written to address revised CAPT science standards, science inquiry, new frameworks for science education. Included in all guides were technology-based resources.

Math – Dr. Goldstone presented Math revised curriculum. He noted the curriculum has been written to address CAPT Standards and the Connecticut Math Frameworks. The AP Statistics course was revised to meet AP College Board Standards and Fundamentals I, II were written to address new text and new course configurations. Geometry level one course was written to address new text.

Special Projects – High School – Dr. Edward Goldstone presented curriculum work completed for two high school programs. The Student Internship program will be expanded to include more students, forms, agreements, etc. were prepared as part of the curriculum projects. Teachers joined together to create new lessons to be implemented by classroom teachers as part of the Advisory Program.

Support Services/ Special Education – Deborah Farber and Cynthia Ratchelous presented lessons co-written between regular/special education to promote co-teaching and improve student achievement. Ms. Farber spoke about social skills curriculum written by her teacher to provide goals, objectives, lessons/skills for this program for students.

Please see enclosed attached list of curriculum presentations. Board members complimented staff on their effective curriculum preparation.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila F. Wycinowski,
Director of Curriculum & Staff Development

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Textbooks

Textbook-Core Math (Grades 7th, 8th) Middle School
Dr. Dellinger / Chris Diehl

Textbook-Science Grade 8 Middle School
Dr. Dellinger / Brian Goldstein

Summer Curriculum Writing Projects

Applied Education	Robert Kuhsel
Computer Aided Drafting	
Technical Drafting	
Architectural Drafting	
Engineering Drafting	
Interior Design	
Introduction to Graphics	
Fine Arts/Media	Janice Holzer
Music Honors Strings	
Music Keyboard	
World Languages	Alberta Conte
Spanish IV L-1	
Mandarin Chinese Outline	
History/Social Studies	Cara Haas
AP History	
Language Arts/English	Harold Freedman
AP English	
Science	Dr. Edward Goldstone
Technical Applied Science L-3	
Exploring Science L-4	
Chemistry I L-1 & L H	
Earth Science - Levels 1, 2, 3	
Biology I - Levels 1, 2, 3, 4	
Human Anatomy & Physiology L-H, L-1	
Science Research	
Forensics	
Conceptual Chemistry	

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Summer Curriculum Writing Projects

Math	Dr. Edward Goldstone
Pre-Calculus	
Calculus	
Geometry L-1	
Algebra II L-H	
Fundamentals I & II – Math for Life	
Pre Algebra	
AP Statistics	
Special Projects	Dr. Edward Goldstone
Student Internship Program	
Advisor Program	
Support Services	Debbie Farber
Social Skills	
Special Education	Cindy Ratchelous
Co-Teaching Lessons	