

BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2022

PRESENT

Angelo Amato
Amy Lestinsky
Namita Wijesekera, Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Kai Byrd
Cheryl Kiesel
Tom Reed-Swale

ABSENT

Angel Irigoyen
EJ Maher

Call to Order

Dr. Wijesekera called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

New Business

Motion by Amato, seconded by Wijesekera to accept the November 2, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 2 yes (Amato, Wijesekera), 1 abstain (Lestinsky), 2 absent (Irigoyen, Maher).*

Curriculum & Professional Learning Update

Ms. Kiesel reported that six BCS teachers attended a free workshop with Woodbridge to learn more about the science of reading from Margie Gillis. The feedback was so positive that she will be brought in to work with the entire staff in February.

Ms. Kiesel also shared that six additional BCS staff members had the opportunity to attend a one day workshop on the science of reading.

Ms. Kiesel reported that through a collaboration with the BOWA curriculum team we are exploring and researching the pre-algebra class that aligns with courses that can be offered at the middle school and beyond. Mr. Amato shared the challenges that students face when they reach the high school level and have no courses to take because the students were accelerated without having a deeper knowledge of mathematics.

Ms. Kiesel is very optimistic about the recent conversations and collaborations with all BOWA partners.

Ms. Kiesel shared that the grants for the social worker and the innovative after-school grants have not yet been approved.

K-3 Reading Legislative Update

Ms. Kiesel reported that the waiver application window has been extended from December to February. At this time districts have not received any additional information on application forms from the CSDE.

Mrs. Byrd provided an update regarding the current state of the waiver and the CSDE response to the CAPSS letter. There has been very little clarifying information regarding the process or next steps.

The committee decided to cancel the January Curriculum Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Future Agenda Items

- Approval of the December 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes
- Curriculum/Professional Learning Update
- Mid-Year Student Data Presentation

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Recorder

Approved February 1, 2023

APPROVED