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## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of March 8, 2014

PRESENT: Larry Breech, Cheryl Kessler, Susan Myers, Frank Suchwala, Kathee Stark

The meeting began at 9:00 am with a recommendation that the high school continue the practice of allowing juniors who demonstrate proficiency or better on all three Keystones be allowed to leave school at 2:30, subject to attendance at meetings and after being encouraged to remain at school for electives and activities. The remainder of the meeting was held as an Executive Session because all remaining topics involved transfer and retention of current employees.

The committee reviewed the course selection handbooks for grades 7, 8 and 9-12. Discussion included the new Chapter 4 regulations. This is especially evident in changes to the selection process. It is recommended that there be a review of the graduation project with possible retention by the school board as a graduation requirement. While efforts were made to accommodate community requests, the committee recommends that study skills courses be removed with 7<sup>th</sup> graders who are not in music be allowed to have a study hall, and those in 8<sup>th</sup> grade be encouraged to take an online course. With the proposed staffing change, there should be time for more electives to be taught by faculty. They should be offered the opportunity to teach electives of their choice. There was a request for collection of data for the next meeting, and there was a discussion of changing the sequence of social studies courses.

The meeting was suspended due to a board meeting and continued on Monday, March 10 at 5:15 pm. This meeting was also an Executive Session due to personnel matters.

In the 2014-2015 budget are some requests for additional help in both buildings. Each principal would like to have an additional aide. At the high school, this person would be recommended if additional electives are offered. At the elementary, it is suggested that the hiring of someone just for lunch periods be considered. Also discussed were reassignments based on performance and enrollment.

There are concerns about the amount of time being allocated to Keystone tests. To determine any curriculum changes, item analysis will be completed. Since they now are graduation requirements for the present 9<sup>th</sup> graders, there will need to be curriculum and personnel decisions made, especially with the advent of the performance-based assessments.

Provision of Title I services and the new guidance requirements were discussed with recommendations for job description adjustments.

The committee meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathee Stark

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