



Curriculum Council Meeting – November 3, 2014

Agenda for: Curriculum Council Meeting

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jackie Castleman, Hank Donahue, Heidi Eby, Traci Landry, Kelly Pierce, Dale Reimann, Carol Schneidereit, Brian Shiflett, Martha Strickland, Mary Turner, Erick Valentin and Stacy Winslow

Members not in attendance were: Timothy Fields, Anna Gawel, Thomas Keefer, Thomas Kramer, Kim Kulina, Renee Owens, Lisa Sviben Miller and Kimberly Vondran

1. Call To Order

Minutes: The meeting was called to order at 4:02 after the group had brief introductions for the benefit of new members.

2. Review of Summary Notes

Minutes:

Dr. Strickland pointed out that her name was misspelled in the minutes. These will be corrected and re-posted.

Mrs. Heidi Eby made a motion to accept the summary minutes. Mr. Brian Shiflett seconded the motion.

3. Informational

Minutes: Dr. Winslow shared that there would be an adjustment to the curriculum review process to include a two-year cycle for curricular areas in review. The first year will be planning and the second year will be revision based on identified needs and areas of focus.

4. Old Business

Minutes: Mr. Brian Shiflett made a motion to approve the 6th Grade COCOA course. This was seconded by Mrs. Heidi Eby. Mr. Shiflett asked about a measure to determine a base line to be able to show improvement based on the course content. Dr. Winslow and Dr. Strickland shared that Penn State Harrisburg will be partnering to collect this data. All present approved the course.

5. New Business

Minutes:

A first read for the following was held:

FCS revisions due to course moves into 7th and 8th grade to make room for the COCOA course in 6th grade. The revisions were presented by Mr. Erick Valentin and Mrs. Jackie Gillespie. After brief discussion a motion was made by Mrs. Heidi Eby to accept the course revisions for a

first read. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Shiflett and all present were in favor of continuing.

Human Anatomy and Physiology was presented as a new High School science course by Mr. Jason Ambler. Mr. Ambler entertained questions regarding guest speakers. Mrs. Heidi Eby made a motion to accept the course for a first read and the motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Shiflett. All present were in agreement.

Foundations of Ethical Research, an online research elective for high school students, was presented by Mrs. Allison Mackley. There was brief discussion regarding credits and numbers of anticipated enrollment. Mr. Brian Shiflett made a motion to accept the course for a first read and was seconded by Mrs. Heidi Eby. All present were in agreement to proceed with a first read.

Mrs. Kim Brown presented Journalism 2 revisions and Keystone Literature Remediation course. There was brief discussion of the Journalism course and how the changes would be phased in for students. Mrs. Heidi Eby made a motion to accept both courses for a first read and was seconded by Mr. Brian Shiflett. The council was in unanimous agreement to proceed.

Mr. Rich Miller presented multiple proposed changes in the high school and middle school music programs. Mr. Joe Farrell would like to eliminate Guitar and Piano in order to provide a non-audition men's choir and vocal lessons at the middle school and high school. Brief discussion was held regarding the number of students who would be able to participate in music with the changes. Mr. Shiflett made a motion to combine the music proposals for a vote. All were in agreement to proceed in this manner. Mrs. Heidi Eby made a motion to accept the proposals for a first read. Mr. Brian Shiflett seconded the motion and all present were in agreement to proceed.

6. Public Comment

Minutes: Mr. Shiflett encouraged faculty and staff to review the standards posted at PAAcademicreview.org in order to contribute to the conversation as experts in education.

7. Next Meeting

Minutes: The next meeting of Curriculum Council will be held on January 5, 2015.

8. Adjournment

Minutes: Mrs. Heidi Eby made a motion to adjourn and was seconded by Mr. Brian Shiflett. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 p.m.