



Curriculum Council Meeting – October 13, 2015

Agenda for: Curriculum Council Meeting

Roll Call

Members in attendance were: Jackie Castleman, Thomas Keefer, Kim Kulina, Missy Kunder, Traci Landry, Dale Reimann, Brian Shiflett, Martha Strickland, Erick Valentin, Kimberly Vondran and Stacy Winslow

Non-Voting Members in attendance were: Kyle Moll

Members not in attendance were: Chris Barrett, Hank Donahue, Heidi Eby, Timothy Fields, Anna Gawel, Thomas Kramer, Renee Owens, Kelly Pierce, Kathy Sicher, Lisa Sviben Miller, Ron Wales and David Yingst

Staff/Public in attendance were: Guest: Natalie White HS FCS

1. Call To Order

2. Informational

2.1 Review of Summary Notes

2.2 Curriculum Council Meeting Dates

Minutes: Attached you will find the upcoming Curriculum Council Meeting dates. These meetings are being held differently as in the past. We will be holding meetings on Board Meeting nights.

2.3 Summer Curriculum Work

Minutes: Attached you will find a report of our summer curriculum work completed over the summer days. Much time, energy and resources were put into working on curriculum. Most of the work was completed for trade time.

2.4 Junior Achievement Update

Minutes: We are trying to get Junior Achievement in all grade levels 1 through 5 which meets our economic standards. With the new legislation on clearances and the particulars of Derry Township School District clearances, it has been a challenge to get JA volunteers. They will be working directly with the children which falls under the DTSD guidelines and they will need all their clearances to visit the classrooms. We have well over 200 volunteers in our district that have all their clearances completed. We will be sending out an email blast to this group of volunteers to see if they would like to step up and help out with Junior Achievement. It is great to have community members and parents come in and work with the kids in a teaching format.

2.5 Presentation: COCOA Course Update

Minutes: Mr. Valentin, Principal of Hershey Middle School presented on the COCOA course. He updated the council on the evaluation as to whether or not a course like this is

having an impact. Mr. Valentin mentioned that teachers involved with the COCOA class have met with their students about 20 times. This course helps incoming 6th grade to understand what MS is about and how they can work through critical issues that do come up during their Middle School years. This class meets for one marking period, 4 days per cycle for approximately 30 class periods to address some of these issues. In addition to this, it was addressed on how we were going to evaluate the effectiveness of this program. We partnered up with Penn State and have come up with a Student Perceptions Survey. This will take place during focus group times. Timeline should be mid November for data to be analyzed.

3. Old Business

4. New Business

4.1 Website Curriculum

[Derry Township Curriculum Map](#)

[Lower Dauphin Curriculum Map](#)

[Mt. Lebanon Example](#)

<https://www.lmsd.org/academics/elementary/overview/index.aspx>

[Camp Hill Example](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Winslow is asking the committee to consider allowing the "live" Curriculum to be removed from the website for one year to give ample time to research a new curriculum database titled: Rubicon Atlas. There are some links available above displaying what other districts are making viewable for public to see as far as their curriculum.

This new database will keep all curriculum together in one place. Currently some are using word, googledocs, etc. Some of the curriculum on the web was produced from a program called Curriculum Mapper. This program is not supported with a Mac Computer. We have old, outdated overviews and maps posted. Curriculum is posted as many different.

Dr. Winslow would like to have a public end and a DerryShare site where we can publish topics and keep the curriculum on Derryshare so it can be updated more easily. We would still be transparent, but not as transparent for a year so we can get a handle on the curriculum database. Mr. Shifflet would like to hear from some of the staff, will Rubicon Atlas help with the curriculum, would it be good for staff as well as administrators.

A motion was made by Mr. Shiflett for Dr. Winslow to revise the current website curriculum documents to reflect a simpler overview in the style such as Mt Lebanon SD for transitional period until we have new tools available. Seconded by Erick Valentin. All were in favor.

A second motion was made by Mr. Shiflett that Dr. Winslow research and evaluate curriculum database tools for possible use by the district and come back to the curriculum council in future

months to make recommendations and perhaps a pilot. Seconded by Traci Landry. All were in favor.

4.2 HS FCS - 9th Grade Culinary Arts

Minutes:

A presentation on the formation of a 9th Grade Culinary Arts Class was made by FCS teacher Natalie White. This class would be open to freshman class only. Not a prerequisite to Culinary arts, but a class to allow them to pursue Culinary Arts I and II. This would focus on techniques and recipes that would reinforce those learned techniques.

A motion was made for a first read of Introduction to Culinary Arts for 9th Grade by Erick Valentin and seconded by Kim Vondran. All were in favor of the first read.

Dr. Winslow acknowledge the hard work that Natalie, Alaric Krause and Erin Wrenn have done to the Life Skills apartment located in the basement of the High School. Mrs. White had a display of foods prepared by the students.

5. Public Comment

6. Next Meeting - November 9, 2015

7. Adjournment

Minutes: A motion was made by Jackie Castleman and seconded by Erick Valentin to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 pm