



# CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

9/11/2017 [4:00PM-5:00PM] @ Derry Township School District Board Room

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## *Roll Call*

**Present:** Missy Kunder, Peter Ebert, Stacy Winslow, Jackie Castleman, Brian Shiflett, R Michael Dotts, Kimberly Vondran, Kathy Sicher, John Abel, Jennifer Mysel, Derek Dietz, Christine Hicks

**Absent:** Dave Sweigert, Traci Landry, Lisa Sviben Miller, Renee Owens, David Yingst, Anna Gawel, Ron Wales, Martha Strickland, Erick Valentin, Kyle Moll, Lindsey Schmidt, Nancy Kiscadden, Jeffrey Smith

## **Attendance Updates:**

- Guest: Terry Singer. (Write-In at 09/12/2017 10:42 AM)
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## 1. Call to Order

### a. Welcome and Introductions

#### **Minutes**

The Curriculum Council Meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm

## 2. Review of Summary Notes

## 3. Informational

### a. Curriculum Council Goals

#### **Minutes**

Dr. Winslow reviewed the Curriculum Council Goals. In particular: Goal 2. Examine Curriculum Council Procedures for Curriculum Development, including procedures for course adoption and review and instructional materials selection. Make any needed and appropriate updates by June of 2018. The last time updates were made to the procedures was 2012. This is the goal we will spend the majority of our time on in Council.

### b. Curriculum Development Plan

#### **Minutes**

Dr. Winslow included the Curriculum Development Plan for your review.

This plan will be separated into different sections. We will begin with the first forms that come to the Council which are course proposals. If we make any changes to this form it would be great to get this out to the teachers as soon as possible. We will then break down each piece during November and December. Then in April when we start getting Textbook requests we can then look at that piece for review.

### c. Summer Curriculum Work

## Minutes

Dr. Winslow reviewed the attached report regarding the Summer Curriculum Work. A few highlighted by Dr. Winslow were:

- Elementary Math (new course for Kindergarten Mathematics) Previously we did not have a mathematics curriculum written. We used a program and taught from the program. Kudos to the group that wrote this curriculum, we expected only two units to be written but instead they were able to write a fully mapped out standards aligned curriculum in place. Next they will be aligning assessments and district resources.
- 5th Grade Writing Group - This group chose to rewrite the curriculum. They have been writing this curriculum for the past two years. Christine Hicks spoke on how the group took a look at the Common Core and PA Learning Standards and decided instead of with the Empowering Writers Series that was based on topics such as magic, amusement parks, what made more sense for us was to organize the writing by genres. So we are starting the year with the four main genres, starting with narrative, then informational. We still take lessons from Empowering Writers Series then supplement our curriculum.
- 5th Grade Social Studies - They received new Social Studies materials, and worked through the social studies standards, in particular the History standards for US History.
- K-12 Health - PE teachers have been working on K-12 Health curriculum. At the elementary school they do not have a separate health period. Health is taught for the first five or ten minutes for Phys Ed class. Sometimes there are double sections in there. We do not have a fully staffed phys ed department. Currently we have 2 full time teachers and an aide. Also a part time phys ed that works between the high school and the ECC. They do not have the staffing to split up with one person doing health and one person doing PE. Real concerns when we talk about some of the things that are real important like: Drug and Alcohol Prevention, Risk Taking Behaviors, etc. They do get some of this training in Second Step Program but we really started working on some of these pieces in the Health curriculum. Teachers are being very creative in how we can do more with the time we have. Looking at how we can place information on a Canvas course and involve parents and families in some of the educational pieces. We may need one more person in the future. also, our Phys Ed teachers have been advocates for movement throughout the day with the need for kids to have 60 minutes of active play throughout the day for kids K-8. Surprisingly at middle school level it is even more necessary than it is for elementary for neurogenesis. The idea you can build neurons and get the brain active through movement. Brain breaks are used at the elementary and now at the middle school. Kim Vondran mentioned about the website called [www.gonoodle.com](http://www.gonoodle.com). It is a free website with brain breaks. It is great for Elementary but not too elementary for secondary.

## 4. Items for Discussion

### a. Course Proposals

#### Minutes

Dr. Winslow presented two forms for New Course - Elimination. The first proposal form is what we have been currently been using. Secondly, we have a curriculum recommendation form.

Some recommendations from the Council on the new form:

- adding a box for High School and also one for Middle School
- Costs: Upfront
- Costs: Ongoing
- Have the form presented as two different forms - one for New Course and One for Termination of

Course.

- Add the checklist to the form from the Curriculum Development Plan. #7 page 20 & 21. Suggestion was to revise page 20 and 21, then add the revised checklist to the new form.

## **5. New Business**

## **6. Old Business**

## **7. Public Comment**

## **8. Next Meeting - October 9, 2017**

4:00 pm

## **9. Adjournment**

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to adjourn and seconded by Jennifer Mysel. Meet was adjourned at 4:46 pm