



CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

12/11/2017 [4:00PM-5:00PM] @ Derry Township School District Board Room

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1. Call To Order

Minutes

The Curriculum Council meeting was called to order at 4:01 pm

2. Review of Summary Notes

3. Informational

a. Future Ready PA Index

Minutes

Dr. Winslow gave an overview of topics which were covered at the IU15 Curriculum Advisory Council from the State.

School Performance Profile (SPP) scores will not be going away even though they are creating the Future Ready PA Index. SPP will be hidden on Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE's) website and so as not so readily public but we can't get rid of it because teacher evaluations are tied to it through legislation.

If you are interested in more information, Stacy would be interested and willing to sit down with you to look over it. It does have important information with it as far as what our targets are in our different schools and what the state is looking for us to do performance wise. The Future Ready PA Index will be in the new public site place of the School Performance Profile. It will have career and college readiness benchmarks on it.

b. Act 55/Project Based Assessments

Minutes

Dr. Winslow read a Pennlink email she received regarding specific Project Based Assessments (PBA)

Currently if a student does not pass the Keystone exams after three tries, they are supposed to be taking the Project Based Assessments. After polling other districts, we realized we are the only district still offering the assessments.

- Evaluations will occur for all Algebra I, Biology, and Literature projects for those students graduating in the **class of 2020 or beyond** via the prescribed protocol: All projects will receive two evaluations. A third evaluator will evaluate the project if the two evaluations are not in agreement. Projects received prior to December 8, 2017, will be

evaluated, with results posted in the PBA portal no later than January 29, 2018.

- For students **graduating in 2019**, projects received by December 8, 2017, will be evaluated by one PDE designated evaluator. Upon completion of the evaluations, notification will be available in the PBA portal. The results of those evaluations should be available no later than January 29, 2018. LEAs will be responsible to score projects completed by 2019 graduates submitted after December 8, 2017.
- Per guidance released prior to the changes to the School Code, all PBAs submitted for students graduating in the **class of 2018** are to be evaluated at the local level

We are going to eliminate this PBA course second semester.

c. STEM Competition Judges Needed

4. Items for Discussion

a. Curriculum Philosophy/Vision/Beliefs & Organizational Structure

Minutes

After reviewing the Curriculum Procedures, we are at the point to look at the Philosophy, Vision and Beliefs

Some suggestions:

- updated this to match our strategic plan vision
- possibly under beliefs change last bullet from data-driven to data-informed.
- current vision and beliefs seem to apply to the district in general - they do not "scream" curriculum. These are more learning environment not necessarily how curriculum should be structured or how learning should take place.
- Provide courses that will focus on civic education so as to produce educated and informed citizens or voters.
- How to prepare students for various higher level schooling, Trade School, college, etc.
- Another good belief to add: Curriculum Instruction and assessment decisions are based on research evidence and best practices.
- Foundation or belief about vo-tech, learning, internships.
- PA common core standards
- diversity

Question from Dr. Winslow, would you like to have a subcommittee formed or just have Kathy Sicher and Stacy draft comments and bring back to the committee. Suggestion was made to have a google doc with others able to edit or make comments on it. John Abel Donna Cronin, Nancy Kiscadden volunteered to be on this committee. Dr. Winslow will send out a GoogleDoc. Reminder: you may be asked to request permission to see the document. Please click on this. Access will be granted by Dr. Winslow.

Chart - one change Director of Technology to Director of Instructional Technology.

b. Textbook Adoption Form

Minutes

Suggested changes to the Textbook Adoption form:

- breakout the cost from the description
- Cost per book vs number of books needed
- Hardcover or online - what would the number of licenses do we need? How long do you have access?
- Which edition of the current textbook

5. New Business

a. Course Revision: Tech Apps

Minutes

Laurie Wade presented an updated improved Tech Apps Course. Currently the course is designed for the Microsoft Suite. This is important but the course could be strongly improved if we put it into some context. Primary learning would be more about Design Thinking, as well as Coding as well as Digital Citizenship. This would still be a 2.5 required course for all ninth graders.

Questions: would they still learn Microsoft suite? yes

A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to approve this course revision proposal for a first read and seconded by John Abel.

6. Old Business

a. New Course Proposal - Design Thinking for Innovation

Minutes

A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to approve this new class proposal for a second read and seconded by John Abel. This new course proposal: Design Thinking for Innovation will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting for full board approval.

b. New Course Proposal - Digital Production

Minutes

A motion was made by John Abel to approve this new class proposal for a second read and seconded by Kathy Sicher. This new course proposal: Digital Production will be presented to the Board of Directors at the next board meeting for full board approval.

7. Public Comment

a. Suggestions for next agenda:

8. Next Meeting

a. January 8, 2018

9. Adjournment