



CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

JUNE 11, 2018 - 4:00PM-5:00PM

Roll Call

Present: Stacy Winslow, Jackie Castleman, R Michael Dotts, Erick Valentin, Kathy Sicher, Nancy Kiscadden, Jeffrey Smith, Donna Cronin, Mary Dague, Lewis Shaw, Tricia Steiner

Absent: Dave Sweigert, Traci Landry, Lisa Sviben Miller, Peter Ebert, Renee Owens, Kimberly Vondran, David Yingst, Anna Gawel, Terry Singer, Kyle Moll, John Abel, Maria Memmi, Lindsey Schmidt, Derek Dietz, Christine Hicks, Carol Dundorf, Lindsay Drew, Judy Haverstick

1. Call to Order

Minutes

Dr. Winslow called the Curriculum Council meeting to order at 4:01 pm

2. Approval of Summary Minutes

3. Informational

a. Draft Revised By-Laws and Curriculum Projects

Minutes

The By-Laws were currently revised. In the past the Council reported to the Superintendent and now this Council is a School Board subcommittee. Also, different co-chair language was cleaned up as well. Suggestions were made to clarify the section under Meetings to indicate the Council does not meet over the summer months. Correction was also made on pages 7 and 13 to change the language from five principals to three principals.

b. Draft Revised Curriculum Plan

Minutes

Two sections were removed from the 2012 plan: 1. Under the section Roles and Responsibilities, the section titled Facilitators was removed as the teachers/department chairs are the facilitators. It was a redundant piece. 2. the other section removed was titled Proposal for Curriculum Projects. This has not been utilized under Dr. Winslow or Mr. McFarland's tenure. This would be an enormous time consuming piece for the committee to handle. It was put into this plan as part of the Curriculum Cycle. The teachers do put in Summer Curriculum proposals which is budgeted for in the fall. The Council will be informed in September of the work that was completed over the summer.

A final document will be included in the September Curriculum Council meeting.

Dr. Winslow will email the committee a link to the public side of our curriculum from Rubicon Atlas.

4. New Business

5. Old Business

a. Goals for 2018-19

Minutes

Goals were reviewed by Dr. Winslow.

Goals:

1. Examine curriculum for areas of need in order to make recommendations regarding curricular issues to the Act 48 Professional Development Committee. These recommendations (if any emerge) should be presented to the Professional Learning Subcommittee by January 1 of each year.
2. Stay abreast of and informed on the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten via regular updates from the ECC administration. Monitor implementation with support for adjustments and celebration of successes over the next three years (2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21).
3. Charge the district to examine grading practices and reporting at Hershey High School during the 2018-19 school year.

Questions:

Goal 1: Suggestion was made to possibly look into having World Language introduced in the elementary level. Question was asked regarding Professional Learning. Is that new learning not curricular based? yes it could be either. ex. Today Mr. Koons and Mr. Boyer are piloting the STEM/ STEAM for the second grade. We want to see some design thinking, some coding, and part of that curricular work. They will be using the site code.org and also the site Commonsensemedia.com. Both of these sites have video for professional development before they start writing the courses. Last week we had Ann Tenan in our Administrative Curriculum meeting to talk about the changes in our English Language Programing since ESSA has been passed.

Dr. Winslow also commented on the Act 48 Committee meeting. This committee is comprised of our staff and outside parents/community members. The community members are not showing up for this meeting. Dr. Winslow would like to see and hear more community input.

Question was raised about dual enrollment at DTSD. We do have a dual enrollment with HACC. But other campuses need to have clearances for our students under 17 years old. College in the High School the teacher must have a master in their content. Currently we have 4 people with masters in their content. We are looking at online courses as an option.

A request was made by a member of the committee to have some feedback on the new Guidance Special being offered to K-1 on student readiness, and how this is affecting first grade, and second grade by implementing this program.

Goal 2: Will there be any parental feedback as far as implementation? Yes, plans are in the making. Also it was suggested bringing to the committee the number of students switching from 1/2 day to full day. Currently there are only 11 students enrolled as 1/2 day.

Goal 3: The question was asked if we could implement this conversion starting in the fall. Mr. Smith would like to follow appropriate steps and decision making in a timely manner. We need to connect with eSchool Coders to see if they can program to meet our needs. Mr. Smith will be meeting with his department chairs regarding the conversion in August. They will be looking a the top 25 schools and their grading system and will bring to this committee their findings.

6. Public Comment

7. Next Meeting

8. Adjournment

Minutes

The meeting was adjourned at 4:56 pm

