



CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

9/10/2018 [4:00PM-5:00PM] @ District Office Board Room

Roll Call

Present: Missy Kunder, Traci Landry, Stacy Winslow, Jackie Castleman, Renee Owens, Erick Valentin, Kathy Sicher, Christine Hicks, Mary Dague, Lewis Shaw, Tricia Steiner

Absent: Dave Sweigert, Lisa Sviben Miller, Peter Ebert, David Yingst, Anna Gawel, Terry Singer, John Abel, Maria Memmi, Lindsey Schmidt, Derek Dietz, Jeffrey Smith, Carol Dundorf, Donna Cronin, Lindsay Drew, Judy Haverstick

Attendance Updates:

- Guests: Christan Manari Tracey Bitting Sarah Smith Julia Cin.
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1. Call To Order

Minutes

The Curriculum Council Meeting was called to order at 4:02 by Dr. Winslow.

2. Review of Summary Notes

3. Informational

a. Primary STEM/STEAM Pilot Presentation

Christen Manari and Julia Cin

Minutes

Christen Manari and Julia Cin gave an overview of the Primary STEM/STEAM Pilot Program. This pilot was not budgeted for and so Dr. Winslow was able to help get this started with a small amount of \$500 to the Elementary Teachers and also the same for the technology teachers. It was mentioned to this Counsel, that if this pilot is successful you may hear from this pilot group about some of the changes that will be made to the elementary curriculum long-term.

Christen expressed the need to revamp the computer special for elementary school. Some of our teachers went to professional development workshop this past summer and came back very excited to pilot this STEM program for the second grade. We decided to develop this program on our own. We touch upon Digital Citizenship, Coding and Computer Programming, Growth Mindset, and Design Thinking. These elements will be touched upon during the class. They will be developing Critical Thinking Skills, Creation, and Collaboratively working. All second graders are getting exposed to STEAM content.

b. Read 180 Pilot Presentation

Tracey Bitting and Sarah Smith

Minutes

Tracey Bitting and Sarah Smith Reading Specialists at the Hershey Middle School presented on Read 180. After many years of looking for a new program they found this Read 180. We have looked at this program in the past and it wasn't for us, the company made some changes that was clearly for our students. This is a very expensive program and tabled for another year. Once they shared that we will consider for next year with the Read 180 representatives, they gave us a year pilot with all the books, etc.

Students will work on their reading online, and get immediate up to date results. This program engages the students and allows the student to be encouraged by positive feedback even when they are working individually and not with a teacher.

c. Future Ready PA Index

<https://review.futurereadypa.org/>

Minutes

Dr. Winslow reviewed the Future Ready PA Index. This link is a preview page. The link will be ready soon for viewing.

d. Textbook Adoption Policy - upcoming changes

Policy 108. Adoption of Textbooks

The Omnibus Bill amended the Pennsylvania School Code, 24 P.S. Sec. 8-803, to remove the specific timeframe for approval of textbooks. During the comprehensive review process, we also updated the policy and administrative regulations to address modern practices for the review, evaluation, recommendation and adoption of digital textbooks. A legal citation was added to the section of the PA State Regulations, regarding Chapter 14 Special Education Services and Programs, Access to Instructional Materials.

e. Summer Curriculum Projects

Minutes

Attached you will find the Summer Work Database Report for Summer Curriculum Writing 2018.

f. Meeting Dates

g. Curriculum Council Goals

4. Items for Discussion

5. New Business

6. Old Business

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting

9. Adjournment

Minutes

The Curriculum Council meeting was adjourned at 4:56 p.m.