

CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

10/13/2020 4:00PM-5:00PM @ Board of Directors Room

Roll Call

Present: Dave Sweigert, Traci Landry, Stacy Winslow, Kimberly Dilger, Laura Alexander, Shari Taylor-Stuckey, Erick Valentin, Jeffrey Smith, Donna Cronin, Lewis Shaw, Tricia Steiner, Lauren Doyle, Melinda Curran, James Grandi, Heidi Stine, Greg Knowles, Guerline Laureore, Sun Mullins, Jessica Intrieri

Absent: Lisa Sviben Miller, Peter Ebert, David Yingst, Jena Funck, Anna Gawel, Kathy Sicher Lindsey Schmidt, Christine Hicks, Chelsea Gavin

Attendance Updates:

- Jaime Bean - PE/Health Presenter
 - John Abel - ZOOM. (Write-In at 10/14/2020 1:42 PM)
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1. Call To Order

2. Review of Summary Notes

3. Informational

a. Welcome New Citizen Advisors and Council Members

b. Curriculum Council Meeting Dates

c. Curriculum Council Goals

Minutes

Dr. Winslow reviewed the Curriculum Council Goals for the year. Each year we set goals for each subcommittees for the full Board.

Goal 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.

Goal 2: Examine secondary Social Studies and ELA curriculum for levels of diversity awareness. Update our instructional practices. We need to familiarize ourselves with the best practices for creating equitable educational environments and develop support systems that serve all of our students' needs. Educate ourselves. We are educators committed to life-long learning. We must seek information about inclusion, race, belonging, diversity, equity, and allyship.

Goal 3: Stay abreast of and informed on the implementation of updated grade reporting practices at Hershey High School via regular updates from the High School Administration. Monitor implementation and roll out with supports for adjustments and celebration of successes over the four years.

These goals have been approved in June, 2020.

An example from the Middle School ELA Department is linked above. One of the tasks that we have tackled is looking at texts that students read and what we are offering and also looking at what we may be overlapping with the high school. So what was asked of MS is to make notes as to what we are doing well and where the gaps may be.

We have just begun a District Equity Audit. Dr. Nicole Holland-Simms is working us on this and has provided us with audit questions. These questions have been sent out to our admin teams, Grade level coordinators, department chairs, school psychologists and school social worker. What are we doing well, what are we not doing well, and she will be working with us to analyze those results and to start prioritizing what our next steps are. Which goes along with our Curriculum Goals and our Board Resolution for Anti-Racism. This will be looking across the District including policy.

4. Items for Discussion

5. New Business

a. Human Sexuality Curriculum

Minutes

Jaime Bean, High School PE/Health teacher presented an updated curriculum for Human Sexuality.

Ex. Grade 6 - insuring that the communications lesson is covering all refusal skills not only Human Sexuality but is included in the piece of the puzzle.

Grade 7 - Updated images that are being used and presented electronically now that we are using Canvas. Looking at the discussion of personal values as far as core values are discussed and a very nonjudgmental way of asking the students to analyze what they believe in and how they can set personal boundaries across all areas of their lives that would be upheld in their integrity and what they believe to be important.

Adapted the language and modified it to be appropriate for all grade levels.

Also a list of resources is available on canvas for students.

A motion was made for a first read for Human Sexuality Curriculum by Tricia Steiner and seconded by Donna Cronin. All were in favor.

b. Proposal to add student representatives to Curriculum Council

Minutes

Dr. Winslow introduced a proposal to add students to our Curriculum Council. Back in October a few administrators attended Curriculum Audit Training. While there the auditors recommended having students on the Curriculum Committees.

A motion was made to approve adding students to the Curriculum Council by Donna Cronin and seconded by Kip Shaw. All were in favor. These students will be selected and will begin at our December meeting.

The Council has unanimously decided that these students will be voting members.

6. Old Business

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting November 9, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

9. Adjournment