



CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

12/14/2020 [4:00PM-5:00PM] @ Zoom Meeting

Roll Call

Present: Laura Alexander, Melinda Curran, Kimberly Dilger, Lauren Doyle, Jena Funck, James Grandi, Jessica Intrieri, Greg Knowles, Traci Landry, Guerline Laurore, Sun Mullins, Lewis Shaw, Kathy Sicher, Jeffrey Smith, Tricia Steiner, Dave Sweigert, Shari Taylor-Stuckey, Erick Valentin, Stacy Winslow

Absent: Donna Cronin, Chelsea Gavin, Anna Gawel, Christine Hicks, Lindsey Schmidt, Heidi Stine, Lisa Sviben Miller, David Yingst

Attendance Guests:

- Hana Gomma, Moriah Gehlers, Lindsey Nester, John Abel, Stephanie Shaw, Kristen Sachs, Scott Govern
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1. Call To Order

Minutes

Dr. Stacy Winslow called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. This meeting was a virtual meeting via ZOOM.

2. Review of Summary Notes

3. Informational

a. Student Equity Video - Hana Gomma & Moriah Gehlers

[Trailer](#)

[Full Equity Video Production](#)

Minutes

Eleven Hershey High School Students took part in creating a YouTube video titled: "Equity, The Quality of Being Fair and Impartial". This project took several months to create and addresses equity and racism in the Hershey community.

Two students who produced this video, Hanna Gomma and Moriah Gehlers, were invited to the ZOOM meeting to present to the Council on this project. The trailer was shown to the Council and Dr. Winslow encouraged everyone to view the full Equity Video linked above. This was a very powerful video and we are very proud of all the work these students have done to create this piece.

b. District Equity Audit

Minutes

Dr. Winslow updated the Council with the District Equity Audit. The Board is working on implementing an Equity Policy and at the same time Dr. Winslow was given an opportunity to give an Equity Audit. This audit

was given to 49 folks: Administrative Team, Department Chairs, Grade Level Coordinators, School Psychologists, School Social Worker, and the Instructional Coaching Team.

Dr. Winslow met with Dr. Pedersen, DTSD School Psychologist and Dr. Nikole Hollins-Sims, Educational Consultant PaTTAN, to begin analyzing our data. Together, we identified three priority areas:

Priority #1: Equity Policy (this has yet to be approved) it will be communicated out widely so everyone will understand what the expectation is from the School Board. This matches with the Equity pillar general Equity practices from the Equity hub that has been released from the state.

Priority #2: Administrative training. Our instructional team is in the process of training to be sure we know all the same things we are offering to our teachers. But also to take it a step further with our own instruction and self-awareness. We need to work on a plan to get the full administrative team trained. We need to be sure we are reaching our entire staff.

Priority #3: Academic Access with Placement and Tracking. This is a barrier we face in our curriculum and the pillars of data practices and academic equity that will come into play.

Dr. Winslow then shared these three priorities with the already established Administrative Equity Team and will go over the audit together. Then next steps would be creating a Plan.

This Audit will become an annual benchmark. It is possible this could be yearly or every two years for review.

4. Items for Discussion

5. New Business

a. Textbook approval - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Curricular Area:	English
Subject Course:	College Prep English 12: Creative Nonfiction
Grade Levels:	Grade 12
Copyright Date:	2014
Recommended Title	Just Mercy
Author:	Brian Stevenson
Publisher:	Spiegel and Grau

Minutes

A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to approve the novel Just Mercy for a first read, seconded by Tricia Steiner. All were in favor of approving this book for a first read. Unfortunately we will not be able to display the book due to the district office is closed currently. Here is a link to the book from the author Brian Stevenson's website: [Just Mercy](#)

6. Old Business

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting - January 11, 2021

9. Adjournment

