**BETHANY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
**Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes**
**April 2, 2025**
**Via Zoom Meeting**

| **PRESENT** | **OTHERS PRESENT** |
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| Angelo Amato, Chair | Kai Byrd |
| Susan Bradford | Cheryl Kiesel |
| Joseph Cafasso | Tom Reed-Swale |
| Shannon Lane (arrived 6:35 p.m.) | **ABSENT** |
| | Caroline Leary |

**Call to Order** Mr. Amato called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes** **Motion** by Cafasso, seconded by Bradford to approve the March 5, 2025, 2025 meeting minutes as presented. *The motion carries 4 yes, 1 absent (Leary)*

**Business** **Curriculum & Professional Learning Update**
Ms. Kiesel reported the following:

**Professional Development:**

- On March 14, 2025, Bethany Community School hosted a full-day professional development session. Teachers collaborated within their grade-level teams and departments to focus on curriculum development, data analysis, and assessments. Additionally, staff had the opportunity to engage in wellness activities, including crafting, walking, or yoga. The overall feedback from the day was highly positive.
- Grades 2 and 3 participated in coaching sessions with Literacy How, concentrating on data analysis of the DIBELS assessment to inform targeted small-group instruction.
- Looking ahead, on April 11, 2025, Margie Gillis from Literacy How will lead a session focused on fluency. She will provide research-based strategies to support students in improving reading fluency.
- On May 23, 2025, teachers will continue ongoing curriculum work, building upon their previous efforts to refine instructional practices and align curriculum objectives.

**Curriculum:**

- Through grant funding, the STEM Summer Camp program will be offered again this summer. In accordance with grant requirements, priority enrollment

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will be given to students who participate in the Boost program. Any remaining spaces will be made available to other students through a lottery system.

Mr. Amato requested that the team consider additional ways to communicate information to the families as it relates to benchmarks and assessments (ex. iReady)

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

**Future Meeting Agenda Items**

- Approval of meeting minutes
- Curriculum & Professional Learning Update

Kai Byrd
Recorder

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