

DCRSD Curriculum Subcommittee for Teaching and Learning
Thursday, December 18 · 8:00 – 9:00am
District Office Conference Room
Minutes

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:01am

In attendance:

Kelly True

Cathy Carmignani

Jaime Dell'Ovo

Principal Elwell

Department Chairs

II. Review of Minutes

A. Friday, November 7, 2025

A motion by J. Dell'Ovo, seconded by C. Carmignani to approve the meeting minutes of November 7, 2025 was passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

A. Assessment and Accountability Data

Tabled until next meeting

IV. New Business

A. Shepherd Hill Regional High School - Discussion on Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Data

Kelly True stated it's been a long time since the last curriculum review. She developed curriculum reviews for all school levels. This year, ELA and Math curriculums will be evaluated.

Each department chair spoke about their departments:

Math: Cynthia Piehl shifted to online instructional materials. Most teachers have a classroom set that students do not take home, homework is photocopied. The savings of not buying books allows the math department to buy high end instructional materials. She would like to purchase materials to revamp one part of the math department every year, starting with Geometry next year.

ELA: Katie Congdon moved away from textbooks as well. They try to strengthen skills with short attention spans. They give the students a choice, elective based courses as opposed to broad spectrum American Literature. New, modern novels have been brought in like Glass Castle and graphic novels.

Social Studies: Katie Dunn also has a low number of textbooks. They have an AP Gulf class, Civics Projects and a US II course.

Science: Thomas Courtemanche has some grant funding which is very helpful with science. Most of the textbooks are not being used. What they teach in science the teachers have developed themselves.

V. Adjournment

A motion by J. Dell'Ovo, seconded by C. Carmignani to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 am was passed unanimously.