



Curriculum Committee Minutes

Location: Board Room, Administration Office

Date: Wednesday, September 18, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

I. Call to order: Mrs. Huck called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

II. Attendance: Linda West, Maegan McConnell, Jerry Curreri, Tom Reese, Steve Adams, Karen Farrer, Melissa Ryan, Amy Coots, and Alanna Huck

III. Old business:

- a) Summer Curriculum Professional Development: Mrs. Coots noted that 25 teachers attended trainings over the summer which included all of the new teacher hires for the current school year.
- i) Social Studies K-2 Curriculum Work from this summer: Mrs. Coots met with teachers over the summer who teach Social Studies K-2. From those meetings, the teachers found that many of the Social Studies standards are taught within the ELA curriculum. This led to a discussion that you do not always need a textbook to meet the standards for an area.
- ii) ELA and the need for follow-up with implementation: Mrs. Coots noted the need for continuous learning as implementation continues with the ELA program. Ms. Farrer is excited to see how the new ELA program will help students with disabilities. Mrs. Ryan spoke on the program and noted that each level builds on the other.
- b) New Science Standards Update: Mrs. Coots noted that new science standards have been published. The PSSA

testing in science will move from Grade 4 to Grade 5. She noted the importance of staying the course and not upending curriculum for the sake of a test. Currently the district uses Foss Science Curriculum. Biology standards have been updated.

IV. New business:

- a) Math Curriculum Evaluation Process: The I-Ready Math Curriculum subscription is in the last year of the agreement. Mrs. Coots has contacted publishers for math programs and textbooks. The evaluation process will include teachers. A survey was sent to all teachers regarding the program. From that survey, Mrs. Coots is meeting with all the individual grade levels for more information. Mrs. McConnell asked if a parent survey could be sent out as it relates to the amount of online homework that is assigned. Discussion ensued about what type of curriculum materials to buy for math. Mrs. Coots and Mrs. Huck noted they would like a good textbook with standards. Students need to show their work and we need to have more explicit instruction as compared to some of the convoluted strategies the publishers are trying to have our students learn and our teachers are trying to teach. The hope is to have a recommendation to the board in early spring.
- b) Evaluation Process for Online Learning Tools: Mrs. Huck handed out a sheet that she would like to have employees use when they are requesting to use an online tool in the classroom.

V. Board Member Concerns/Comments:

VI. Public Comment:

VII. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.