

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MINUTES

June 29, 2009

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. David Wortman, Acting Chairperson
Dr. Jack Martin
Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Kimberly Angove
Mrs. Katherine Oudinot
Mr. Thomas Knapp

Mrs. Kirsten Turfitt
Mr. Jeff Lockett
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Ms. Amanda Hetrick
Mrs. Diane Martin
Mrs. Rosemarie Green

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Arthur Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:

Chris Byham	Paul Giannini	Jeff Flickner	Jessica Tundell
Robert Terrill	Matt Jones	Jane Dunshie	Darlene Albaugh
Karen Pascale	Eugene Casasanta	Paul Yourchisin	Debra Bosko
Norbert Kennerknecht	Eric Mineweaser	Ruth Huck	Lisa Niedzialek
Petter Turnquist	Ruth Nelson	Sue Turner	Stephanie Hamm - WTO
Brian Collopy	Patty Horner	Wendy Norris	Lauren Vokish - WTO
			8 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:50 PM by Mr. David Wortman.

1.2 Public Comment – There were no public comments.

At this time, Karen Pascale introduced a number of newly hired for the school district.

2. Old Business

2.1 Alternative Education

Discussion:

The discussion pertained to providing evening classes for Alternative Education students that have Act 26 violations or are repeat offenders. A committee member was concerned that there are still many contractual issues that need to be resolved and asked that this item be tabled for now but be addressed for completion for the 2010-2011 school year.

Action:

This item was tabled.

2.2 Occupational English 12 Planned Instruction

Discussion:

Two additional titles of materials that were intended to be included in the Occupational English 12 planned instruction were presented. It was requested that these two items be included in the planned instruction and posted to the website.

Action:

This item will be moved to the Board for approval.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the additional titles to the planned instruction for Occupational English 12.

3. New Business

3.1 Education Consortium of the Upper Allegheny (ECUA)

Discussion:

Duane Vicini, the president of this organization, approached the Warren County School District about participating in the ECUA. Classes that would be offered to adults in the area would include technical programs that have been requested by employers and college-level courses. There would be no cost to the district. Lease agreements would need to be developed at the time of the offerings. The solicitor has reviewed the agreement.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the agreement with ECUA to use district facilities subject to ECUA's compliance with district procedures for facility use.

3.2 GRANT: Weaving Equipment for the Learning Enrichment Center

Discussion:

This grant money would be applied to the continuation of a program at the Learning Enrichment Center.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for direction to apply for the grant.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to apply for a grant of \$1,883 from the Community Foundation of Warren County to purchase weaving equipment to support programming in weaving and fiber arts.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Board Goals 2, 3, and 7

Discussion:

Attachments indicated the status of these goals. A committee member would like to know how the money that is being allocated for achieving Board Goals will be spent.

4.2 Board Committee Charges – A list of the charges was provided as an attachment to the agenda.

This item was self-explanatory and was not discussed.

4.3 Middle School Evaluation

Discussion:

A format for supplying information to the Board regarding the evaluation of the middle school concept was presented. It included a Middle School Evaluation Report, a Schools-to-Watch rating rubric, and parent/teacher/student surveys. The surveys will be developed once school is again in session.

One committee member stated that he would like to see some categories that are not driven by PSSA scores, such as athletics and extra-curricular programs. The format already includes a grammar pre-test and post-test and career education and work standards, and athletics/extra-curricular will be added.

Another committee member stated that he would like to see included in the format some measures of continuing improvement for students, even for those who already have achieved proficient or advanced test scores. It was mentioned that part of the evaluation is intended to address this request, but if the committee member has some specific suggestions, a meeting could be arranged to discuss them.

5. Other – There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – July 27, 2009 at 6:00 PM at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Mr. David Wortman, Acting Chairperson

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