

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

December 21, 2009
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson
Mr. Jack Werner
Mr. Paul Yourchisin

Ms. Amanda Hetrick
Mrs. Rosemarie Green
Mrs. Diane Martin

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Amy Stewart

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart	Dr. Karen Pascale	Delores Berry	Stacey Ludwig
Thomas Knapp	Petter Turnquist	Janet Peterson	Kathy Bowley
Mary Ann Paris	Jeff Flickner	Jeff Manelick	Wendy Norris
Jeff Lockett	Matt Jones	Amy Morrison	Sue Turner
Donna Zariczny	Brian Collopy	Megan Morrison	Stephanie Hamm, WTO
Dr. Robert Terrill	Paul Giannini	Darlene Albaugh	Debra Bosko
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1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mrs. Kimberly Angove.

1.2 Public Comment

Amy Morrison, a teacher and a parent of a student that is enrolled in the St. Bonaventure Dual Enrollment Program through the school district, thanked the district for this opportunity. She mentioned points regarding the effectiveness of the program. She stated that five colleges to which her daughter has applied will all accept the credits earned through the program.

2. Old Business – There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Science Planned Instruction

Discussion:

Most of the new science planned instructions have already been approved by the Board; however, there were two courses that had not yet been presented: Advanced Chemistry Honors and Advanced Physics Honors. There was a brief discussion to clarify the meaning of “added weight” for honors courses.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for Advanced Chemistry Honors and Advanced Physics Honors as presented, with textbook titles to be inserted when books are adopted by the Board in the spring of 2010.

3.2 Health/Physical Education Planned Instruction Grades 9-12

Discussion:

The Health and Physical Education planned instructions that were presented are two-year courses, one for grades 9 and 10 and another for grades 11 and 12. These courses would be more academic in nature than they have been in the past, so each semester would be awarded a half credit. Costs for the implementation of the new planned instructions could be kept at a minimum by incorporating the electives presently being offered in this subject area into these planned instructions. Policies 9535 and 9732 would need to be revised to accommodate the new planned instructions. The planned instruction for Physical Education Substitution (PE Sub) may not need to be eliminated if it is offered as a non-credit course. PE Sub could still be counted as a required course in the course sequence, but students would still need to accumulate 28 credits to graduate. Scheduling for the new planned instructions is being developed with principals' input. The option of home-schooling for Health and Physical Education would still be available.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval. Policies 9535 and 9742 will be addressed at the next CIT Committee meeting.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for Health and Physical Education for grades 9 through 12 as presented.

3.3 Marketing and Business Curriculum

Discussion:

New planned instructions were presented for both business and marketing courses. These new planned instructions are designed to offer classes that would apply to and supplement a student's other interests as well as prepare a student who desires to continue in a career in business and/or marketing. Some of these courses could be offered at a student's home school with the remaining courses being completed at the Warren County Career Center. The people who were instrumental in developing these planned instructions were recognized for their good work.

Some of the technology issues need to be revised as they are not all compatible with the technology that the district has in place. Slight changes will be made and a new Executive Summary will be written.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval, being listed under “Other” rather than being part of the consent agenda as there are slight changes being made, possibly resulting in further discussion.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for the marketing and business courses as presented.

3.4 Math Planned Instruction**Discussion:**

Revisions to the grade levels in the planned instructions for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Plane Geometry are being requested to challenge students at a more appropriate level and to allow more grade 8 students to take Algebra I. Integrated Math is not proving to be beneficial, and the administration would like to see it be phased out. The sequence could be changed so that students could take Algebra I, Geometry, and then Algebra II so that they would have a fresh background in algebra before entering into a class for functions.

Action:

The prerequisites for the Algebra courses will be revised prior to being forwarded to the Board for approval to include a recommendation by the principal and/or guidance counselor.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for Algebra I, Algebra II, and Plane Geometry as presented.

3.5 GRANT: Enhancing Education Through Technology (EETT) 2009-10**Discussion:**

This is a competitive grant that, if awarded, requires no matching funds. A minimum of 25% of the funds is required to be used for professional development related to the integration of technology into the curriculum and instruction. The bulk of the funds would be used to provide classroom materials. If the grant is not awarded, these materials will not be purchased and the associated professional development will not take place.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to apply to the EETT 2009-10 grant for up to \$219,000 in funding for a project to equip science classrooms in grades 9-12 with interactive electronic whiteboards and other supporting technology, as well as professional development, to impact teaching and student achievement.

3.6 Elementary Science Planned Instruction

Discussion:

Planned instructions were presented for grades kindergarten through grade 5. The planned instructions for grades kindergarten, grade 1, and grade 2 are to develop awareness of what things around them are related to science. The planned instructions are aligned with the state requirements.

Action:

This will be forwarded to the Board for approval. Textbook costs will be presented at the next CIT meeting or shortly thereafter.

Motion:

That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions as presented, with textbook titles to be inserted when books are approved by the Board in the spring of 2010.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Board and Committee Charges Update

A chart depicting the charges to the administration that the Board and Committees have made and the status of those charges was provided. There was no discussion.

4.2 Opportunities for College Credit

A charge was made at the last committee meeting to look at the opportunities for college credit. It is being presented in two parts. At this meeting, information was presented for review, and a follow-up will be done at the next meeting.

5. Other – There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – January 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM at the Warren County Career Center

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary

Mrs. Kimberly Angove, Chairperson

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