

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

February 28, 2011
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

none

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart	John Grant	Marcia Madigan	Stacey Ludwig
Mary Ann Paris	Robert Terrill	Jim Morrison	Kara White, WTO
Tom Knapp	Larry Conrad	Cindy Nyquist	Debra Bosko
Donna Zariczny	Brian Collopy	Louise Tharp	Lisa Niedzialek
Jeff Lockett	Delores Berry	Darlene Albaugh	1 other

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:52 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

There were no public comments.

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 GRANT: Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge Grant

Discussion: The district has been awarded this grant in the past. It is intended to provide support for children's overall health and well-being. This is the final year for the awarding of this grant. The application needs to be submitted by the end of April 2011. The administration will work with all interested parties to develop projects.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to develop applications to the Highmark Healthy High 5 School Challenge Grant program with interested district schools.

3.2 GRANT: 2010-11 Lookin' Out Grant

Discussion: This is sponsored by Erie Insurance in an effort to reduce auto accidents and promote safe driving habits among teenagers. The funds will be used to support a committee comprised of students. This committee will create activities to remind their peers to drive responsibly. There are presently three high schools that are interested in participating.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to apply to the Lookin' Out Grant program on behalf of three district schools for safe driving programming.

3.3 GRANT: Northern Allegheny Conservation Association (NACA) S. Knox Harper Grant for Environmental Educators

Discussion: The NACA grant is in memory of conservationist S. Knox Harper. There are two teachers that would like to apply for the grant. The ornithology teacher at Warren Area High School would like to take the class on a field trip and establish a butterfly garden at the school. A teacher at Sugar Grove Elementary School would like to apply for the grant to support "Green Day" at the school.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with interested Warren County School District environmental education teachers to develop applications to the S. Knox Harper grant program.

3.4 GRANT: PA CARES Bullying Prevention Grant

Discussion: This grant is intended to support the establishment of the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program in schools. The district already has established this program in a number of schools, and is now exploring the possibility of including Youngsville High School. A committee member stated that bullying is a very important and prominent issue, and that any help that the district could get should be accepted.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for authorization to proceed.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to work with the administration at Youngsville High School (YHS) to investigate the possibility of applying for PA CARES grant funds for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and to assist YHS in designing and submitting a grant if it is determined that the building is eligible.

3.5 Warren County Career Center Planned Instructions

Discussion: The revised planned instructions that were presented were rewritten as part of the required approval of the Career and Technical Education, Phase III, Program of Study. The five planned instructions that were presented are part of the process of bringing all of the Warren County Career Center's curriculums up to date with the state-recommended competencies and the Core Standards.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the curriculum revisions to the Homeland Security and Protective Services, Institutional Food Worker, Power Equipment and Technology, Building Construction Occupations, and Computer Technology/Computer Systems Technology.

3.6 Elementary Social Studies Curriculum (Grades K-5)

Discussion: The social studies curriculum is being reviewed this year. Groups of teachers at each elementary grade level have rewritten the planned instructions for the elementary social studies curriculum. The teachers were facilitated by Mr. Morrison, the Social Studies Curriculum Coordinator, and an elementary principal. Textbooks have not yet been chosen, but funds have been set aside for their purchase. A Board member asked that, when the selection of textbooks is brought to the Board for approval, the administration provide reasons for why the selected books were chosen.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the K through five social studies planned instructions as presented.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Gifted Support Compliance Monitoring Summary

In November 2010, the Bureau of Special Education conducted Compliance Monitoring in the district. The district received many commendations. Recommendations for improvements were made for two areas. A summary of the monitoring results and a form that is intended to be used as a planning tool were provided as informational items.

A committee member commended the director and principal involved in the monitoring for their efforts. The director noted that it was not just their efforts; the whole team that was involved is to be commended for their work. She also stated that a state-level director had said that if someone wanted to see a good program, they should look to our district.

5. Other

There was no other business.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting

March 28, 2011 at the Warren County Career Center, following the Personnel/Athletics and Co-Curricular Activities Committee meeting

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

Ms. Lisa Niedzialek, Recording Secretary
Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee