

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES**

NOVEMBER 21, 2011
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson

Mr. Jack Werner

Mr. Thomas Knapp for Mrs. Angove

Ms. Amanda Hetrick

Mrs. Diane Martin

Mrs. Amy Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Kim Angove

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart

John Grant

Donna Zariczny

Mary Ann Paris

Brandon Hufnagel

Jim Grosch

Norbert Kennerknecht

Brian Collopy

Matt Jones

Jim Miller

Delores Berry

Louise Tharp

Sue Turner

Buzz Felix

Ruby Wiles

Ben Klein – WTO

Colin Kyler – WTO

Melissa McLean

3 others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:41 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

Ms. Ruby Wiles – She spoke about the importance of physical activity in the school setting, building partnerships with the community, and the importance of the teacher in the classroom.

2. Old Business

There was no old business.

3. New Business

3.1 Policy 9742 Committee Report

Discussion: A committee made up of students, teachers, administrators, a School Board member, and a College Admission Officer was formed to discuss the concerns regarding the advantages that dual enrollment students had toward earning a higher GPA compared to students that did not take any dual enrollment classes. Recommended solutions were presented, and a revised Policy 9742 was presented for consideration. Discussion that followed raised a number of issues, such as: the possibility of eliminating the Valedictorian, Salutatorian, and Historian titles as most colleges and universities do not recognize them anymore; deciding who would be the speakers at the graduation ceremonies; eliminating weighted grades or reducing the weight that they carry, thereby creating a more equitable opportunity for all students instead of just the dual enrollment, honors course students, and AP course students; and others.

Action: It was decided that this item was not ready for action, and that the committee that had addressed this issue would reconvene, considering the new information that was offered in this CIT committee meeting in their discussions.

3.2 Local Competencies for Power Equipment Technology

Discussion: The Planned Instruction/Program of Study for Power Equipment Technology needed to be updated to include the local competencies that have been developed by the classroom teacher and the Occupational Advisory Committee. Revisions to that effect were presented for consideration.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to the planned instruction as presented.

3.3 GRANT: Career & Technical Education Equipment Grant

Discussion: This grant is intended to assist with the purchase of equipment necessary for instruction for high-priority occupations as identified by the state. Up to \$50,000 could be awarded. Matching funds would be required and would be provided from existing grants. If the grant is not awarded, the proposed purchase of equipment will not take place.

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 PDE Career & Technical Education Equipment Grant to purchase a mill and

turning center to support and expand programming within the Warren County Career Center Machine Technology Program of Study.

3.4 GRANT: Project Ignition

Discussion: This opportunity was offered to all high schools in the district. Youngsville High School submitted a proposal. Students at the Youngsville High School would utilize this grant, if awarded, to promote safe driving. This grant was used last year for a successful program in the Youngsville area. This year's program would be called "Ten and Two – How About You" and would address distracted driving, texting, alcohol and drug impairment, and seat belt use. The students and advisor would work with Youngsville Borough and the Youngsville Police Department, as well as other agencies that are related to safe driving. If the grant is not awarded, the project will not take place.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors authorizes the administration to submit an application to Project Ignition on behalf of Youngsville High School to undertake a service learning project related to driver safety.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Calendar Update

A committee member had requested that the administration look into the possibility of developing a district-wide calendar to coordinate events. This is under consideration and will be an ongoing process.

4.2 Student Representatives

Discussion: There has been an ongoing discussion regarding this issue. Suggested guidelines were presented, which included the intention for and expectations of student representatives, eligibility requirements, the term of office, the selection process, reasons for dismissal, and the filling of a vacancy. It was suggested that the student representatives participate at the committee level. The representatives would speak at a Board meeting only if invited to do so. A question arose as to whether the students would be paid a mileage reimbursement for their travel to and from the committee meetings. It was mentioned that participating students should have waivers for the senior project and that they should submit a mid-year and end of year report. The intention is to have a student representative for each Board committee, with one from each attendance area.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board with a motion to institute a one-year trial program as a procedure.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors instructs the administration to develop and administer a procedure for student representation to the School Board Committees. Students who are selected to serve in the role will be eligible for mileage reimbursement for their trips to the Board Committee meetings and for consideration of substituting their time served on the Board for all or a portion of their senior project as determined by the Administration.

5. Other

There were no other items.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – To be determined at the December 5, 2011 Board meeting.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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