

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

NOVEMBER 19, 2012
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dr. Paul Yourchisin, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Jack Werner

Mr. Gary Weber
Mrs. Amy Stewart

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Diane Martin

OTHERS PRESENT:

Arthur Stewart
Mary Anne Paris
John Grant
Nancy McDanel
Tom Knapp
Donna Zariczny

Brandon Hufnagel
Norbert Kennerknecht
Mike Kiehl
Patty Hawley-Horner
Sue Turner

Paul Leach
Ruth Huck
Melissa McLean
Josh Cotton – WTO
Approximately three others

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM by Dr. Paul Yourchisin.

1.2 Public Comment

2. Old Business

2.1 Title I Services for St. Joseph School

Discussion: The District is required to provide Title I serviced to the St. Joseph School. The Intermediate Unit was not able to fulfill the Title I needs at this school for the 2012-2013 school year as they had done in the past. An agreement for a teacher at the St. Joseph School to provide Title I services was provided. A salary to be paid by the District was included in the agreement, fulfilling the district's requirement to provide these services. This teacher is not considered an employee of the District.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Title I Agreement as presented.

3. New Business

3.1 Advanced Mathematics – Grade 6 Planned Instruction Revision

Discussion: This planned instruction is being revised to clarify prerequisite skills necessary for the course, to update the sequence, and to increase rigor to better prepare students for future advanced math courses.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Advanced Mathematics Grade 6 Planned Instruction as presented.

3.2 Dental Services Agreement

Discussion: The district is required to provide dental services to students at four different grade levels. Agreements for two dentists were provided. These dentists would work in tandem within the district.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Dental Services Agreements as presented.

3.3 AP and Advanced Biology Honors Planned Instructions

Discussion: These two planned instructions have been updated to reflect the Common Core standards. There was discussion regarding the content and rigor of the courses and whether the Advanced Placement course should be designated as such since the students are not required to take the AP exam. A district-wide final exam for the AP class that would have the same rigor as the AP exam was going to be developed but has not yet been completed.

It was suggested by a Board member that the AP designation not be awarded to a student unless that student passes the actual College Board AP exam.

It was mentioned that the District is working toward common assessments for every content area.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the planned instructions for biology as presented.

The meeting was adjourned for an executive session at 6:57 p.m. and reconvened at 7:30 p.m., after the Special Board meeting.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Math for Finance Planned Instruction

This planned instruction was presented to the CIT Committee at the October 2012 meeting. The administration is in the process of renaming this course at the request of the committee. It will be brought forward to the December 2012 CIT meeting.

4.2 Kindergarten Math Planned Instruction Changes

This planned instruction will be brought to the committee at the January or February 2013 meeting with revisions to the sequence.

4.3 Policies 9732 and 9733 – Graduation Requirements

These two policies were recently approved by the School Board with changes in the language regarding the Keystone requirements; however, based on current Pennsylvania Department of Education graduation requirements, the administration would like to revise them and present them at the December 2012 CIT Committee meeting.

4.4 Middle School Report

The Middle School Report that was requested by the School Board will be ready for presentation at the January 2013 CIT Committee meeting.

5. Other

5.1 Funding for Dedicated Director at WCCC

The administration has been working with WCCBI and members of the Community Foundation to secure funding for a dedicated director at the WCCC with a proposed salary of \$75,000.00 per year. The present administrator at WCCC is managing the building but does not have time to fulfill all the duties of a director. The Community Foundation has pledged to give \$1.00 for every \$2.00 of funding received, up to \$25,000.00. Major donors would have the opportunity to work with the director to ensure that the needs of the businesses would be met through the curriculum. Local businesses have shown interest in participating. The school district would contribute \$25,000.00 in benefits. Several of the duties of a director were mentioned, including the responsibility for the director to find ways to pay the salary after an initial three-year contract.

5.2 Student Transfer

A Board member noted an issue that was brought up at a Board meeting: a student requested an attendance area transfer just to receive valedictorian status. The superintendent said that this issue was being addressed and that a policy change is in order.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – To be determined.

6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted by:

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