

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

October 27, 2014

WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Zamborik

Mr. Gary Weber
Mrs. Ruth Nelson
Mrs. Amy Stewart

ABSENT:

Mr. Paul Mangione
Ms. Marcy Morgan

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. Tom Knapp
Mr. John Anderson
Ms. Donna Zariczny
Ms. Mary Anne Paris
Dr. William Clark

Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Mr. Jim Grosch
Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Mr. Brian Collopy
Mr. Rick Gignac

Ms. Christine Haslett
Ms. Sue Turner
Ms. Ruth Huck
Ms. Melissa McLean
Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)
Approximately 8 members of public

1.0 Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Jack Werner, Chairperson. Ms. Mary Anne Paris was asked to fill the empty seat of the committee due to the absence of Mr. Paul Mangione.

1.2 Public Comment

Mr. Jim Decker, President of WCCBI addressed the committee on behalf of the Board of Directors of WCCBI, the St. Bonaventure Advisory Committee, and students (current and future) of the District relative to the dual enrollment program. He distributed copies of a letter that he read to everyone expressing concerns that the District's lack of transportation and financial support of the program, in conjunction with a perceived systemic undermining of the program from District faculty and administrative personnel, are responsible for the declining program enrollment numbers. The actions they asked for include: (1) WCSD to provide transportation beginning in January 2015, (2) include curriculum as a scheduling choice on the course selection handout provided to students in January for the scheduling for the next school

year, (3) direct the WCSD administration to recognize and encourage participation in the program, (4) WCSD recruit students for the program, having no less than 24 students per semester. Letters from students were also distributed. Mr. Arthur Stewart reflected on how difficult it was to make the decision to terminate transportation for the program, but continuing to offer transportation when few students used it consistently (some days no students) could not be justified. If there is substantial need to revisit that decision information needs to be presented for future budget development. Discussion involved the fact that enrollment is down in all areas and every year there is the struggle with staffing AP and dual enrollment classes, as the same population of students is served by both groups. The budget process, with the staff furloughs and cuts in programming, has hindered the early distribution of student schedules; however, staff does attend information sessions and counselors make it known to students about dual enrollment opportunities.

Ms. Kim Angove spoke from the perspective of having a child that went through the dual enrollment program. Her child had already taken the AP courses that were available to her and dual enrollment was another option available to her. She noted that she felt SBU had recently provided the course options much earlier in the scheduling process. She advised that students could give pros and cons of both AP and dual enrollment opportunities.

2.0 Old Business - None

3.0 New Business - None

4.0 Informational Items - None

5.0 Other

5.1 21st Century Program Overview

Ms. Christine Haslett, 21st Century Community Learning Center grant project manager, presented an overview of the program, explaining that cohort 6 grant funding ended in September, but the award was made for cohort 7, which started in October. Services are again being offered at AVES, YEMS, WAEC, EES, and TCCS, but the grade levels have changed from grades 3-5 to 2-5. Last year approximately 120 students attended regularly, with the expectation that 160 students will take advantage of the opportunity this year. WAEC has the highest attendance. The program scheduling includes homework and academics for the first hour and the next two hours involve a STEM enrichment session, physical activities and arts. The grant prohibits the funds being used for snacks, so they are working with food services and NSLP to provide snacks; TCCS provides their own snacks. They are working on enhancing communication with parents and the teachers the students have during the day. Ms. Haslett thanked the Board for their support.

5.2 Mr. Zamborik noted that Dr. Jaskolka has sent out email communication to everyone on continued testing at WCCC.

6.0 Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, November 17, 2014 following PACCA. This was erroneously noted as a start time of 6:00 p.m.

6.2 Executive Session - None

6.3 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Mr. John Werner, Chairperson
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee