

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

February 23, 2015

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chairman

Ms. Marcy Morgan

Mr. Michael Zamborik

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny

Mr. Arthur Stewart

Mr. Tom Knapp

Mr. Paul Mangione

Ms. Mary Anne Paris

Dr. William Clark

Mr. Jim Grosch

Mr. Norbert Kennerknecht

Ms. Amy Stewart

Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Brian Collopy

Mr. Rick Gignac

Mr. Mike Kiehl

Ms. Louise Tharp

Mr. Budd Mracna

Ms. Ruth Huck

Ms. Melissa McLean

Mr. Josh Cotton (Times Observer)

Ms. Misty Weber

Mr. Andrew Pollard

Ms. Laura Demers

Members of the Public

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:16 PM by Mr. John Werner, Chairperson.

1.2 Public Comment

Ms. Laura Demers spoke regarding the LEC Pilot Program and the positive year her child is experiencing. The program is challenging and a suitable social environment for the students. Ms. Demers would like to see a forum held to provide support of and expansion of the program in the future.

2. Old Business - None

3. New Business

3.1 Precision Manufacturing Institute Agreement

Discussion:

Mr. Weber explained that agreement provides credits for students at the Career Center in various programs, similar to dual enrollment credits.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the attached agreement with the Precision Manufacturing Institute.

3.2 ACCESS PA Application for Eisenhower Elementary School

Discussion:

There was no discussion on this item.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the application for submission for Eisenhower Elementary School to become a member of Access PA.

3.3 Comprehensive Planning Committee

Discussion:

Planning committee members must be approved by the Board. Dr. Clark has reached out to parents, local business and community business members. One contact has not responded yet, but the name will be confirmed and added to the list before the Board meeting.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the following members of the Comprehensive Planning Committee.

3.4 Mathematics Planned Instruction

Discussion:

The planned instructions to be approved are Probability and Statistics I and II, and also SAT Math. There was no discussion.

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

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the revisions to the Mathematics Planned Instruction as presented.

3.5 Algebra II Planned Instruction

Discussion:

Mr. Weber explained that this planned instruction was listed separately from the others because it had previously been approved with the wrong course number applied to it. This item corrects the course number.

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

Motion: That the Board of Directors approves the revision to the Planned Instruction as presented.

4. Informational Items - None

5. Other

- 5.1 Athletic Trainer Presentation – Mr. Weber and Mr. Gignac presented information during the Finance Committee Meeting of cost estimates to have trainer coverage at practices and games throughout the District. The information was estimated using the fall season as a point of reference. The estimated cost of \$35,000+ would need to be tripled to cover all three seasons. It was noted that some districts prioritize coverage depending on how demanding the sport is – trainer would be at the sporting event of a high impact sport, and on call for the other sports. Some districts use University students as trainer interns. Mr. Stewart suggested an option to pursue would be to have athletic trainers have “face” time with coaches and students—requiring training for each sport for each season, with a check-off list that would need completed to verify training. Committee would like to see three options added to the budget discussion line items (\$15K, \$40K, and \$120K) with the priorities defined. Suggestion was also made to begin communicating with entities in the community regarding possible volunteerism for athletic trainers.
- 5.2 Highly Gifted Pilot Report – Mrs. Weber and Mr. Pollard shared a PowerPoint presentation outlining a mid-year review of the Highly Gifted Pilot Program. Students have increased their reading scores considerably, gaining approximately 1-1 ½ years growth in language arts. The challenges of the pilot include the math compacting and growth, maintaining the other LEC offerings (arts) on the other LEC days, and the communication between home - school and teacher - parent. Students and parents have expressed very positive feedback with the program. Mr. Weber noted another area to consider is the transition phase, when and how the transition to middle school will occur.
- 5.3 Mr. Zamborik noted that Dr. Jaskolka is justifiably proud of the WCCC students. He also provided information to Dr. Clark pertaining to career opportunities.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, March 30, 2015 at Central Office following PACCA.
- 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 PM.