

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, November 13, 2007, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., **RELOCATED CENTRAL OFFICE**

Minutes to be taken by: Cindy Fetteroll

Members in attendance: Gary Mala, Amy Jacques-Purdy, John O’Leary, Wendy Adamczyk, Debbi White, Eileen Mills, Kathy Strom, Eileen Blewett, Kerri-Lynn Faselle, Rita Peretto, Janice Harris, Eric Larson, Corey Borzain, Charlie Macunas, Melissa Steinhilper, Patty Muzzulin, Mim Wagner

- | <u>ITEM</u> | <u>PRESENTER</u> |
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| 08-15 | All |
| 08-16 | |
| <p><u>Probability & Statistics Curriculum & Textbook</u>
Wendy Adamczyk discussed the proposal by the High School Math department to change the current Honors’ level ‘Probability & Statistics’ curriculum to an AP level. Wendy presented materials needed that are related to this proposal, specifically, Fathom Dynamic Data Software. Wendy added that this program would also be useful for science programs as well. Discussion ensued regarding what impact offering more AP classes at the High School would have. Charlie added that he would ultimately like to offer two (2) AP classes per department at the High School. The general consensus among those present was that a course such as ‘Probability and Statistics’ provides valuable knowledge/skill for adult life. Gary asked whether the ‘fathom’ program would allow students to access the web? Wendy stated that she would have to research for the answer to that question. Eric Larson MOVED and Mim Wagner SECONDED that the committee approve the proposal of the Math department. Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Gary also asked for Wendy to provide a list of schools in our immediate area currently using this software, as his concern is related to saving the shipping costs associated with delivery of those materials.</p> <p><u>AP Environmental Science</u>
This presentation was postponed until the December meeting.</p> <p><u>Honors Psychology Curriculum</u>
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| 08-17 | |
| <p><u>2008 – 2009 Budget Timeline</u>
Gary Mala discussed the fixed dates on the Budget timeline. These dates are as follows:
December 10th
March 4th
May 5th
May 6th</p> <p>On January 9th Administrators will answer questions from Gary and the Director of Fiscal Operations, Martha Vaughn regarding each school’s line items. Members of the Finance Sub-Committee also attend this meeting, as the intent of the District is to present all budget information clearly and accurately. From this point Gary has two (2) months to review and present the budget to the community. There are many efforts made to inform the public such as “public information sessions”, news releases and all questions and suggestions from the community are reviewed and thoughtfully considered.</p> | |
| 08-18 | |
| <p><u>Status of Grade Reporting</u>
Eric Larson reviewed the schedule for first term report cards in the elementary schools. He stated that the grades close on the 30th of November, and the Report Cards will go home on the 14th of December. Elementary teachers will have all grades and related data entered into “classroll” by the 10th or 11th. Report cards at the Middle School will be ready on the 25th of November.</p> | |
| 08-19 | All |
| <p><u>Task Force Updates & Timeline for 2007-200</u>
a. <u>District Assessment:</u> Eric Larson thanked Kerri-Lynn Faselle for providing her time, and for setting up the meeting schedule and timeline. These dates have been set at Burr Elementary School on November 29th, December 13th, January 10th, January 24, January 31st and the times are scheduled for 3pm – 4:30pm. This group is analyzing data to understand</p> | |

what is and what makes “good’ assessment.” They will be reviewing information from ‘high performing’ schools.

b. **World Languages:** Corey Borzain discussed the various language curriculum works.

Corey stated that currently they have a “great” Spanish I curriculum in place, and that it is an excellent model for all those teaching it. Corey stated that the hard work continues on building a strong curriculum map for French language classes, and that Latin I and Latin II curriculum’s are currently half completed, but that these revisions for Latin classes may require a request for new textbooks.

c. **Social Studies K-12:** Mim Wagner stated that the curriculum for 7th and 8th grade Social Studies is in very good position. Mim also stated that the 5th and 6th grade discussions are going very well. Mim requested that Charlie provide important information from the High School curriculum, so that there may be cohesion between the schools.

d. **Comprehensive School Counseling:** Mindy Otis stated that each building has completed their initial meetings, and have begun Curriculum Mapping. Mindy also stated that the interview process is nearly completed in regards to the Elementary Counselor.

e. **Full Day Kindergarten Task Force:** Kerrie-Lynn Faselle stated that the Full Day program for Kindergarten is going well. They are planning an Open House for local Pre-Schools in an effort to form partnerships to promote related curriculums. November 28th is the scheduled date for the Open House in Haddam, and December 3rd is the Killingworth Open House.

f. **Child Development Task Force:** Chuck Lewis, Gary Mala, Chairs

g. **Adult Care Task Force:** Not scheduled to begin until after the holiday break.

h. **Robotics Task Force:** Scheduled to begin in January.

i. **Others:**

08-20 Question and Answer

All

08-21 **Next Meeting:** December 11, 2007

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.