

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, January 15, 2008, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., **RELOCATED CENTRAL OFFICE**

Minutes to be taken by: Cindy Fetteroll

Members in attendance: Gary Mala, Debbie White, Janice Harris, Amy Jacques-Purdy, John O’Leary, Eileen Blewett, Patty Muzzulin, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Heather Ferrer, Kerri-Lynn Faselle, Eric Larson, Chuck Lewis, Corey Borzain, Chrissy Roelofsen, Mindy Otis, Mim Wagner, Melissa Steinhilper

Gary opened the meeting at 3:36 p.m.

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PRESENTER</u>
08-28	Introductions	All
08-29	<u>Presentations</u> AP Environmental Science Textbook	Heather Ferrer

Heather reviewed her selection for the text for AP Environmental Science. Heather stated that she believes this text gives teachers the opportunity to embellish and it also gives students the opportunity to delve into topic choices on their own. The text also uses current environmental jargon such as “living sustainably.” The text also generates a study guide after tests, and it is Internet friendly, etc. Heather reviewed a total of six (6) books...some were ‘too college level’, and others had no Internet link, etc. In response to questions from Gary, Heather stated that the projected number of AP students was 10-15, and that the projected number of Honors students was 20-24. There were no objections to the use of this book.

Child Development Course Description & Curriculum **Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Chuck Lewis**

Kathleen reviewed the format of the series of 5 (five) classes that will be based on experiences that a student would need to receive community college credit. Course descriptions will be based on community college classes and what other high schools are doing. Kathleen stated that there would be two (2) groupings of class types, infant to 3 year olds, and then 3 to 5 year olds. Students would have class and then a lab experience. Students must also take all classes, before they can apply for an internship, which is required to complete the program.

08-30	Status of Grade Reporting	Eric Larson
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Eric stated that the work continues to have MMS to “talk” to Classroll. He stated that there is a level of frustration with the lack of that tie between the programs. Discussion ensued after questions from both John O’Leary and Eileen Blewett regarding the layout and teacher comments on the recent report card. In response to a question from Eileen, it was discussed that teachers are not required to add comments to the report card.

08-31	Task Force Updates & Timeline for 2007-2008	All
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- a. **District Assessment:** Eric Larson, Chair. Eric stated that there would be three (3) meetings this month. Eric reviewed the purpose of the Assessment committee, which is to have a system in place to obtain data to assess beyond the state assessments. He stated that there is a need to assess beyond the bell curve. Which kids do we test further? We must show growth within a school year, beyond what the state mandates. There is more work in differentiation, and assessments are linked to curriculum and exterior information. The group reviews whether or not students are responding to interventions. Eric stated that performance-based assessing is a critical piece to understanding a students’ abilities. In response to a question from Gary, Eric stated that the committee would determine the time frame for completion of their review at their next meeting.

- b. **World Languages:** Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Patty Muzzulin, Kerri-Lynn Fabelle, Corey Borzain, Chairs. This committee would like to formally present their curriculum recommendations for Spanish and AP Spanish at the next Curriculum Council meeting. In response to a question from Gary, Corey stated that they are making progress on their revisions. Gary stated that no texts may be approved until revised curricula K-12 is endorsed by Curriculum Council and approved by the Board of Education.
- c. **Social Studies K-12:** Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Patty Muzzulin, Kerri-Lynn Fabelle, Lew Traester, Chairs – Kathleen stated that Lew Traester has outlined a breakdown to the group which will be the focus for their next three (3) meetings.
- d. **Comprehensive School Counseling:** Mindy Otis, Chair – Mindy stated that there is a tremendous amount of information. Mindy reviewed the focus of this group for the implementation of its programs. Mindy stated that they will present all standards in February, and will provide a curriculum map. They will be looking at their gaps to determine what work will still need to occur.
- e. **Full Day Kindergarten Task Force:** Kerrie-Lynn Fabelle, Rita Peretto, Chair – Kerri reviewed the “Open House” which was held last month for pre-school providers in the area. Kerri stated that the next step for the Task force is to have kindergarten teachers visit area pre-schools within the next two (2) weeks.
- f. **Child Development Task Force:** Chuck Lewis, Chair – will review at the next meeting.
- g. **Adult Care Task Force:** Gary Mala – will review at the next meeting.
- h. **Robotics Task Force:** Gary Mala – Gary stated that this task force is in “limbo” until we hear from the middle school. Mim stated that they we’re waiting to hear from two (2) people that they’ve asked to run this program. In response to a question from John O’Leary, Mim stated that they could also ask members of our community for their interest in running this program, as there would still be time; the program would begin at the end of January.
- i. **Others: Elder Care (New), Alternative Education Program @ HKHS** – Gary stated that the program work is about ready to commence, and if anyone had an interest to please contact him. Gary stated that the Alternative Education program might serve as a revenue source for us.

08-32 **Question and Answer** – none

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

All

08-33 **Next Meeting: February 12, 2008**