

*REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17*  
**CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**  
Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., *Central Office Board Room*

Minutes to be taken by: Pamela Hensel

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Members in attendance: Gary Mala, Debbie White, Charlie Macunas, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Patty Muzzulin, Eric Larson, Lori Raczka, Debbie White, Eileen Blewett, Rita Peretto, Neil English, Joann Smith, Eileen Mills

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	
<b>09-54</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Approval of Geometry Textbook</b>	<b>Ryan Mackenzie</b>

Ryan reviewed the Textbook selected for Geometry classes. Ryan distributed handouts showing sections of the new book and information on the cost. Ryan explained that the book was not as heavily laced with proofs as our current text. The benefits are many, including a support website that students can go to for homework help. The books are aligned with our current curriculum and have activities to prepare students for both CAPT and SAT testing. Gary asked if Ryan had spoken to any schools currently using the textbook. Ryan stated that he had spoken to Greenwich schools. Eric asked if there is a test generator and Ryan answered yes, but he has not used them. Gary suggested they work with Charlie Macunas regarding the budget for these books. There were no objections from the curriculum council regarding the purchase of these textbooks. Gary stated that it would now be brought to the Board of Education for review and possible approval.

<b>09-55</b>	<b>Discussion and Possible Approval of Grade 8 Science Module Textbook</b>	<b>Matthew Hall</b>
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Matthew explained that the module goes with our curriculum. Matthew distributed Grade 8 Astronomy Textbook Proposal. Matthew stated that this was the first year the textbook was used and the students love it. He further explained that the modules can be linked on website or printed out. They come with adapted testing books and study guides. Matthew was asked how much time is spent on astronomy he responded approximately just under a trimester. Cost is approximately \$17.97 per book plus shipping. Matthew indicated we would need approximately 210 but were quoted for 240. No actual cost total was given. Gary asked if they were budgeted for these and Patty indicated that they were. There were no objections to bringing this initiative to the Board of Education for its review.

<b>09-53</b>	<b>Discussion of Multi Media Course at HKHS</b>	<b>Gary Mala</b>
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Gary reviewed that although one course went through the board the second got stopped. The Board was concerned about an overlap and do not want things duplicated. Due to the item being tabled and not brought back to the Board at the next meeting it must be put back on the agenda. Gary explained that items tabled during a BOE meeting must be brought back at the next meeting or they are taken off the table. It was suggested that Hans (who was the previous presenter) should return to do the presentation for the BOE.

Gary spoke on the following agenda items briefly: There will be a reading summit (2-Six hour days) following the school year. Experts will be invited to review with us some of the following:

- a) How we teach
- b) What is occurring
- c) K-12 performance

Gary expressed the same concern over Mathematics that he has concerning reading; The LEAP Program needs updating; Full Day Kindergarten is coming in a couple of years; The school district report card can be used as a PR tool, it has many data points which makes it easy to display and understand.

**09-57** Next Meeting: May 12, 2009

Agenda:

- a. Response to Intervention (RTI) Process
- b. Alternative Education Task Force Report - continued
- c. Adult Care Task Force
- d. Comprehensive School Counseling Model Update

**The meeting adjourned at 4:09 p.m.**