

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, May 13, 2008, 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., *Lower Media Center HKHS*

Minutes to be taken by: Cindy Fetteroll

Members in attendance: Gary Mala, Debbie White, Corey Borzain, Lew Traester, Charlie Macunas, Kathleen Mozak-Pezza, Maryann Grimaldi, Patty Muzzulin, Eric Larson, Lori Raczka, John O’Leary, Mim Wagner, Keri-Lynn Faselle, Colleen Fitzpatrick, Mindy Otis, Janice Harris, Melissa Stienhilper, Carla Reilly, SueAnn Malinconico, Theresa Cormier, Kristen Cardona, Christine Kehrley, Cristina Santos, Linda Phelan, Eileen Blewett

ITEM

PRESENTER

08-61 Discussion and Possible Approval of HKHS Health Textbook Carla Reilly

Carla reviewed the Textbook selected for Health classes. Carla stated that the book, by Glencoe provides many benefits to the student as well as the teacher. It provides an online book with every purchase. Coordinated school health program...helps get things set up. She stated that the book also provides great resources when discussing sensitive issues as they do in class. Carla stated that there is a great technology piece to enhance each lesson, and that there is also a math component with each lesson. Carla stated that the textbook complies with all National Standards. In response to a question from Gary Mala, Carla stated that there was no other districts nearby that are using this textbook, so that we would not be able to take advantage of lowering our shipping fees. There were no objections from the curriculum counsel to the purchase of this textbook. Gary stated that it would now be brought to the Board of Education for review and possible approval.

08-62 Discussion and Possible Approval of Grade Point Average (GPA) System @ HKHS Maryann Grimaldi

Maryann provided handouts for council members to review regarding class rank and GPA, and gave a brief review of the goals that the guidance department at the high school hopes to achieve by making specific changes to the GPA. Kathleen Mozak-Pezza gave a power point presentation reviewing the comparative data available and the conclusions of the guidance department. The high school believes that maintaining the mission of the district; to produce well-rounded graduates, is very important. The high school is proposing making the change to a 4.0 GPA in the 2008-2009 school year. There were no objections to bringing this initiative to the Board of Education for its review.

08-63 Discussion and Possible Approval of Social Studies Curriculum K-12 Lew Traester

Lew Traester reviewed the proposed curriculum. He explained that the emphasis for the younger grades would be on the student’s expanding world; from family to community to world, and that would also include emphasis on becoming active participants in a community for all grade levels. Kerri-Lynn Faselle and Patty Muzzlin thanked all of the participants for their hard work in putting this curriculum map together. Charlie Macunas added his thanks to the six (6) people involved with this work, and noted that it was no small feat for any of them, especially two (2) members that were also working on their state portfolios. In response to a question from Gary Mala, Charlie noted that this curriculum is in line with all state standards

08-64 Discussion and Possible Approval of World Language Curriculum K-12 Corey Borzain

The three (3) levels of curriculum, elementary, middle school and then high school made a presentation. Corey Borzain stated that all levels reviewed the National standards, and for long term they reviewed their vision. Corey stated that they believe they have provided a well-coordinated program between each level. Suanne Malinconico added that she felt it was a tremendous advantage that the groups have been able to meet, and that they realized that the students entering the middle school have had an awesome introduction to their languages by their elementary teachers. Corey stated once again that the High School courses have many 21st century skills emphasized in much of the coursework. There were no objections to bringing this curriculum to the Board of Education for its review.

**08-65 Discussion and Possible Approval of Child Development Curriculum Kathleen Mozak-Pezza
Materials for Use at HKHS**

Due to time constraints, no report was made.

08-66 Discussion and Possible Approval of District Assessment Plan K-8 Eric Larson

Due to time constraints, Eric was able to present just a portion of the Assessment Committees work, but will complete his presentation at the next curriculum meeting. Eric stated that the Assessment committee's goal is to review achievement beyond statewide standards, and he thanked all of the participants in this group for their time and efforts. Eric provided a power point presentation which began with an analogy to a height and weight chart of a child, and stated that if the district is not consistent with what we do academically, it will lead to a confused understanding of what the district will need to focus on for PD and/or other resources. What makes good assessments? Our choices should include...RTI, universal screeners, allow for progress monitoring (checked frequently), have qualitative as well as quantitative data, and monitor both literacy and numeracy.

08-67 Discussion and Review of HKMS Schedule Mim Wagner

Due to time constraints, no report was made.

08-68 Discussion and Review of HKHS Schedule Charlie Macunas

Due to time constraints, no report was made.

08-69 Question and Answer All

08-70 Next Meeting: May 27, 2008

Gary proposed that in addition to the June 10th meeting, the council also meet in two (2) weeks. The date is May 27, 2008 at 3:30p.m.

Agenda:

Discussion and Possible Approval of Comprehensive School Counseling Model K-12

Task Force Updates & Timeline for 2007-2008

- a. Comprehensive School Counseling: Mindy Otis, Chair
- b. Full Day Kindergarten Task Force: Kerrie-Lynn Faselle, Rita Peretto, Chair
- c. Adult Care Task Force: Gary Mala
- d. Robotics Task Force: Gary Mala
- e. Alternative Education Program Task Force: Gary Mala

The meeting adjourned at 5:50p.m.