

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
 Tuesday, October 20, 2009, 3:40 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., ***CENTRAL OFFICE***

Minutes to be taken by: Pamela Hensel

Members in attendance: Gary Mala, Pamela Hensel, Christina Roelofsen, Eileen Blewett, Jen Armenia, Erika Fleig, Lynn Halligan, Pat Muzzulin, Debbie White, Bryan Kerachsky, Janice Harris, Melissa Steinhilper, Amy Jacques-Purdy, Wendy Adamczyk, Corey Borzain, John O’Leary, Maryann Grimaldi, Juliann Bacewicz, Charlie Macunas, Miriam Wagner, Elisa Pitoniak.

<u>ITEM</u>		<u>PRESENTER</u>
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10-12	Introductions	Gary Mala
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10-13	Discussion of proposal to advance <i>Algebra I</i> for all students at HKMS	Gary Mala
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(note: Continuation of conversation from June and September 2009) John O’Leary noted that Algebra I may not be for all students in Middle School but rather an introduction to children earlier using a variety of different ways would be helpful in preparing them. He further noted that based on the research he had done with Xavier, it is normal for students of to take Algebra I again. Xavier offers a 3 week summer prep program to bring kids up to the expected level. John also found that before the start of the year students do algebra concept worksheets to discover what concepts they have mastered. Do we have anything like that? John inquired as to where and how do we (RSD17) measure when kids are ready? John distributed 2 articles, which will be scanned and sent to the committee. Gary suggested the Task Force work with Xavier and other schools to acquire more data. He further suggested the task force request sanitized test results. The task force members will be John O’Leary, Patty Muzzulin, Bryan Kerachsky, Lynn Halligan and Wendy Adamczyk. Gary set a deadline of January 12th for the task force to gather the information.

10-14	Task Force to plan sponsoring annual <i>College Fair</i> at HKHS - Update	Maryann Grimaldi
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Maryann informed the council that the College Fair will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. Maryann distributed a list of colleges that have agreed to attend. She noted that of the 50 schools committed to the College Fair most of them were not interested in a day and an evening fair. There was a choice of times for the evening fair between 6:30 – 8:00 or 7:00 – 8:30, the majority thought 6:30 – 8:00 would be best. Maryann invited all present to let her know of any additional colleges she could invite.

10-15	Follow-up on tracking HKHS graduates - Update	Maryann Grimaldi
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Maryann passed around a large binder with documents she downloaded from National Student Clearinghouse containing sample graphs, contracts, glossary of terms and other items used in tracking graduates. The cost for the service is \$425.00. College loan money is tied to the list for tracking. The Clearinghouse will go back 7 or 8 years searching for students.

10-16	Task Force to research and present information on <i>Multi-age Instruction</i> and <i>Looping</i> - Update	Bryan Kerachsky Patty Muzzulin
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Bryan and Patty visited Essex Elementary School (K-6) to discuss looping. They are putting a survey together for other schools on looping. Bryan noted that a former principal of his, Robert Lincoln, did his dissertation on looping and was cited in many of the articles Gary recommended for him to read.

10-17	Response to Intervention (RTI) Model & Timeline - Update	Chrissy Roelofsen
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Chrissy distributed the SRBI (Scientific Research Based Intervention) 2009-10 time line. She informed the committee that Pupil Services will be using a model from Granby to set up RSD 17’s SRBI Program. Chrissy explained that SRBI uses a 3 tier system to help children with different areas of need and on different levels

