

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, November 14, 2006, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lower Media Center, HKHS

Minutes taken by Ann Lang

Wendy Adamczyk, Jane Dion, Patricia Muzzulin, Priscilla Luoma, John O’Leary, Mindy Otis, Melissa Steinhilper, Corey Borzain, Mim Wagner, Michael Susi, Rita Peretto, Tony Bergantino, and Gary Mala

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRESENTER</u>	
07-10	Introductions	All
07-11	Approval of Pre-Algebra textbook for HKHS <i>...High school math teacher Wendy Adamczyk reported that the Math Committee reviewed three textbooks and recommends McDougall Littell. The money was set aside in the budget for purchasing the textbooks. Wendy asked for 20 books and noted that a study guide could also be purchased. If 30 texts are purchased, a free teacher packet would be included. It was agreed that 30 textbooks would be ordered. The Curriculum Council also discussed the fact that incoming ninth grade students do not have basic math skills.</i>	Wendy Adamczyk
07-12	Grade 4 Electricity and Magnetism Unit <i>...Jane Dion noted this is presently a fourth grade unit and she recommended that it be moved into the fifth grade because it ties in better with the rest of the fifth grade curriculum. She noted that the State gives schools the flexibility of moving sections in the curriculum. She noted that at the workshops she attended it was stated that schools could move units from grade to grade as long as certain ones were taught by certain grades. Gary Mala noted his concern that all five units would have to be completed by March 1. Mim Wagner noted that if it is moved, fourth graders would not get it this year and it would have to be taught in fifth grade. Jane suggested tabling a decision pending more information from the State. Gary Mala noted that he would like to have an answer by January 5 at the latest.</i>	Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin
07-13	Task Force Updates & Timeline for 2006-2007	All
	a. Grade Reporting, K-8: Eric Larson, Jane Dion, Mim Wagner <i>...Mim Wagner reported that the middle school will be using standards-based report cards this semester.</i>	
	b. Elementary World Language Program: Gary Mala, Michael Susi & Corey Borzain, Chairs <i>...Corey Borzain reported that the committee has had two organizational meetings and another meeting is scheduled for November 30. The committee will begin looking at topics and philosophical issues. Gary Mala noted that standardization at the elementary level is essential.</i>	
	c. District Accommodation Plan: Gary Mala, Chair <i>...No report.</i>	
	d. Social Studies K-12: Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Lew Traester, Charlie Macunas, Chairs <i>...Patty Muzzulin noted there is a meeting tomorrow. The committee has K-12 representation. Charlie Macunas and she will be meeting to set an agenda.</i>	

- e. Technology K-12: Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Chuck Lewis, Michael Susi, Ed Goetz, Chairs
...Michael Susi reported that the committee has a scope and sequence. He acknowledged Patty Muzzulin and Jane Dion for their work. Gary Mala will scan the document and send it to the committee to review.

07-14 Formation of Full Day Kindergarten Task Force Gary Mala

- a. Research
- b. Program Model
- c. Physical Locations
- d. Staffing
- e. Cost

...Gary Mala stated that once the new middle school has opened there will be enough space at each of the three elementary schools to institute full-day kindergarten. He asked that a task force be formed to study the issue. He feels that full-day kindergarten is important because it supports the issue of front-loading. He noted that curricular demands are at an all time high. Once a model is designed, he can determine how much money will be needed and put it in the upcoming budget proposal. It will be implemented next year if it survives the budget process. He noted that at this time it would be optional for parents. He stated that some students will benefit from it while others may not be ready. The difference between students attending full-day kindergarten versus half-day kindergarten is gone by third grade. John O'Leary voiced his concern that parents might feel pressured for their child to attend full-day kindergarten even though they would prefer that their child only attend half-day kindergarten. Gary Mala asked Curriculum Council members to let him know if they would be interested in serving on a full-day kindergarten task force. Karen Ockasi has agreed to be on the committee.

07-15 Questions and Answers All

- a. Status of Schedule for New HKMS
...Mim Wagner reported that work on the middle school schedule is continuing and she will have a report at the January Curriculum Council meeting.
- b. Status Report on Use of Instructional Specialists in Teaching and Learning Model
...Gary Mala reported that instructional specialists Patty Muzzulin and Jane Dion, along with Jim Downey, have been working under the direction of principals to look at instruction and identify professional development needs. It is intended to be evaluative in nature. This is being funded using teacher improvement grant dollars. Part of their responsibility is to support the new teachers going through the BEST program. The premise is based on the fact that 60 percent of teachers who enter education leave within the first three years because there was no support system in the district in which they worked.

07-16 Next Meeting: December 5, 2006

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.