

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 17
CURRICULUM COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
Tuesday, February 6, 2007, 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m., Lower Media Center, HKHS

Minutes taken by: Ann Lang

Members in attendance: Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Charlie Macunas, Priscilla Luoma, Melissa Steinhilper, Debbie White, Robert Baranoff, Mim Wagner, Mindy Otis, Eric Larson, Rita Peretto, Corey Borzain, Heather Tooker, Jim Daniels, Gary Mala

ITEM

PRESENTER

07-36 Introductions

All

07-37 Presentation for Approval: HKHS Science Textbooks

Jim Daniels et al.

...Jim Daniels and Heather Tooker made a presentation of a science textbook they would like to purchase for the ninth grade science course taught by Heather Tooker and Heather Ferrer. The present science textbook is outdated and does not meet current frameworks, has no technology component. Three other texts were considered. Each student will receive a CD. They requested 80 books at a cost of \$80.27 each, which includes the student CD-rom, for a total of \$6,422. The cost of a replacement CD is approximately \$5. Licenses will be reviewed to determine options. The texts are budgeted in the 2007-08 budget. The Curriculum Council approved *Physical Science: Concepts in Action with Earth and Space Science 2006* by Prentice Hall for advancement to the Board of Education for approval.

07-38 2007-2008 Instructional Schedule for HKMS-continued discussion

Mim Wagner, Michael Susi,
Patty Muzzulin

...Mim reported that she has met, and will meet again tomorrow, with the elementary principals to discuss staffing and the budget. The outcome will somewhat determine the schedule. Once that is completed, Mim will return to the Curriculum Council for approval. Gary Mala noted this will go to the Board's February 27 Education Committee for discussion.

07-39 Task Force Updates & Time line for 2006-07

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a. Grade Reporting, K-8: Eric Larson, Jane Dion, Mim Wagner

...Eric updated the committee on grade reporting. It is completed in pdf form and they are ready to map fields. They are migrating student data to the MMS server and training will begin at the end of the month. There will be a group at each school who will be the resource to teachers to help with the report cards.

b. Elementary World Language Program: Gary Mala, Michael Susi & Corey Borzain, Chairs

...Corey reported that the task force is on schedule. They have discussed the best programs in the State and have analyzed them. A document containing belief statements has been developed and they will begin writing K-8 curriculum (starting with kindergarten) next month. There are 19 courses at the high school that will need to be reviewed.

...The committee discussed why trips to foreign country do not seem popular with students. Corey felt that cost was the biggest reason. She suggested it might be less expensive and more interesting if students stayed in students' home in the country in which they were visiting. Bob Baranoff suggested looking into grant money and exchange programs for teachers.

c. Social Studies K-12: Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Lew Traester, Charlie Macunas, Chairs

...Charlie Macunas announced that the next meeting is scheduled for February 27. There will be sample books at that meeting for elementary people to review. Jane Dion noted that the committee needs to review the standards very closely.

- d. Technology K-12: Jane Dion, Patty Muzzulin, Chuck Lewis, Michael Susi, Ed Goetz, Chairs
...No report.
- e. Full-Day Kindergarten Task Force: Jane Dion, Chair
... Jane Dion will be chairing the committee comprised of Laurie Cross, Tania Shaw and the kindergarten teachers. The consensus of the committee was to put all children in full-day kindergarten. The students who will only attend for a half-day leave at a designated time. The major instruction will be in the morning. This is based on the Old Lyme model. The group also went to Old Saybrook to look at their program. The next meeting will be February 26.
- f. Child Development Task Force
...Gary Mala reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week.
- g. Adult Care Task Force
...Gary Mala reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week.
- h. Robotics Task Force
...Gary Mala reported that a meeting is scheduled for next week.

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Question and Answer

All

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Next Meeting: March 6, 2007

- Agenda:
1. Presentation for Approval: HKHS mathematics Textbooks
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The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

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