



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Tuesday, June 5, 2018

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Laurie Waxler

Committee Members: Karen McAvoy, Melissa Phillips, Chris McCaffrey

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laurie Waxler, Karen McAvoy, Melissa Phillips, Maria Ziolkowski, Chris McCaffrey, Rob Scoboria, Jessica Lengle, Scott Arnst and Lynette Waller

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 11:01am

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Monday, May 7, 2018.
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Monday, May 7, 2018 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment *[reserved for agenda items only]:*

Sal Ferrerello – Asked about the curriculum planning for STEAM and whether that is called “Pathways.”

Old Business

Chapter 339 K-12 School Counseling Plan

Dana Quinlivan presented the Chapter 339 Plan and the outline of the plan components, written by the School Counseling Department. The plan addresses the PA College and Career Readiness Standards and includes program goals, an instructional calendar, and the K-12 curriculum action plan. The plan will be on the Board agenda for approval. Once approved it will be submitted to the state.

STEAM Innovation Update

WHEC

Plans are underway to begin interviews for a STEAM teacher at WHEC for the start of the 2018-2019 school year.

JSHS

Over the summer, departments will be meeting to plan the alignment of courses for STEAM Pathways. The STEAM project at the JSHS is on schedule and classrooms have been prepared for construction. Mrs. Waller reviewed the design concept for the classrooms in the STEAM Wing. Mrs. Waller and Mr. Cafoncelli will be meeting with Office Depot to make final color decisions for the furniture and storage solutions. The design concept will be on the Board agenda for discussion on June 11.

Curriculum Cycle

Mrs. Waller reviewed the Curriculum Writing Cycle. The committee was provided with an update on the status of all curriculum writing previously approved and the courses to be revised from 2018 to 2021. Next week, Mrs. Waller will be meeting with teachers to conduct curriculum writing training sessions.

District Website Update

Mr. Arnst reviewed the new district website. The committee provided additional feedback on the website design. The soft launch of the site will begin during the upcoming week.

New Business

Internship Program

Jen Mangold and Matt Redcay presented a proposal for a pilot Internship Program for students in grades 11 and 12. The purpose of the program is to provide career exploration opportunities for students through an inquiry-based learning experience. Planning will continue over the summer, with the pilot set to begin in the spring of the 18-19 academic year.

Instructional Resources:

WIDA Kit

The state has identified a new method of determining if a student qualifies as an English Learner. The 1st Grade version of the screener is a computer based assessment, which is difficult for students who are in the first semester of 1st grade. The ESL teachers are requesting to purchase a WIDA Kit that contains a paper assessment of the screener, which is age appropriate assessment for beginning first grade students. The cost of the kit is \$200.

Get More Math

Get More Math is a self-paced, online program that allows teachers to set up a spiral review for students throughout the year, as well as check for understanding on new material. The program is a math intervention support with an emphasis fact fluency and basic math skills. The district is currently piloting this program. The students have demonstrated an interest improving their math skills through the use of this program. It has helped them to build their self-confidence in

math as they complete assignments and see their success. The program would be used in grades 6, 7, 8 and 9. The cost is \$15 per license, 330 licenses would be needed. \$4,950.

Physics of Space

This is a new course approved for the 2018-2019 school year. The quote reflects 35 hardback books with eText included and 45 eTexts. The license is for 6 years. \$5,617.50.

AP Psychology: A new AP Psychology textbook is being requested. The current textbook does not include content added by the College Board for terminology and classifications. This request is for 110 (due to student enrollment) (\$14,781.23). The cost will include additional digital content.

AP United States Government and Politics:

The College Board is redesigning the curriculum and exam for the 2018-19 school year. The current syllabus will be required to be updated by College Board during the summer of 2018. The current curriculum will need to be rewritten in its entirety due to significant changes in the course and exam. The current textbook does not reflect the revised content for the course and will need to be replaced. \$14,939.28 for 100 books, due to current course enrollment, with a 6-year digital license.

Residency Waiver

The committee was informed of a residency waiver request for a student who moved on May 25, 2018. The request is for the student to remain in the district through until the last day of the current school year. This request will be on next board agenda.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 13, 2018

Adjournment: 12:48pm by Laurie Waxler

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent