



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum Committee

Friday, October 7, 2016

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Laurie Waxler

Committee Members: Susan Larkin, Jennafer Reilly, Terrie Taylor

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Laurie Waxler, Susan Larkin, Jennafer Reilly, Maria Zoilkowski, Lynette Waller, Julie Vicente, Joe Alcaro, Public, Anastasia Leiphart (recording), Curt Minich

Committee Members Absent: Terrie Taylor

Audience sign-in sheet included in these minutes. Meeting recorded by Anastasia Leiphart.

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 11:04 am

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes for Thursday, September 8, 2016
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Thursday, September 8 were approved without with modifications.

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Design Plan Update

The Technology Committee met on Sept. 28 to discuss staffing, program design, instructional resources, and curriculum for the STEAM Innovation Design Plan. The committee identified the need for additional instructional technology staffing and K-12 aligned resources to support the STEM initiative. The committee discussed having small Maker spaces or carts for maker resources at WREC and WHEC that could be used flexibly, throughout the school. The next steps for the committee will include school visits to observe how other districts are designing their STEM spaces and to gather ideas for the STEM space at the JSHS.

New Business

JSHS Social Studies Programming Changes –

Joe Alcaro, the Social Studies Department Chair, presented proposed changes to the Social Studies programming at JSHS beginning during the 2017-2018 school year. The proposed

changes include:

- Replacing 7th grade World History with Early American History
- Replacing 8th grade Early American History with American History Growth of the Republic
- Replacing 9th grade American Century with Academic America and the Modern World
- No changes to the 10th - 12th grade sequencing

The proposed changes would strengthen the foundation of the Social Studies curriculum and allow teachers to incorporate more social and cultural developments in recent history and to expose students to a broader depth of topics. The changes would occur over three years to avoid gaps in content knowledge for students.

The Social Studies department is requesting board approval of the changes to the Social Studies programming and course sequence during the October 17 board meeting.

PSSA Data –

The committee reviewed the ELA and mathematics standards, the 2015-2016 PSSA data and the instructional implications. See the attached presentation slides.

District Professional Development – October 10

The focus for the October 10 district in-service will be Technology Application and Integration. The keynote speaker will address Digital Citizenship for teachers. The topics for the remainder of the day will include differentiated Schoology sessions, Apple Classroom Management training, instructional apps (Kahoot, Notability, and imovie), Skype virtual field trips, technology integration work stations and assistive technology for iPads.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, October 14, 2016