



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum Committee
Monday, October 31, 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, Corey Jones, Jessica Lengle, Lynette Waller, Julie Vicente

Committee Members Absent: Terrie Taylor

Public Attendees: Public: Melissa Phillips (recording), Anastasia Leiphart

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

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the minutes for Friday, October 7, 2016
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Friday, October 7 were approved without with modifications.

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Design Plan Update

District administrators and teachers did a walk-through of the STEAM space at the JSHS to start discussing how we want to utilize the space as an Innovation Center.

Ideas: Divide the room into two parts, one area filled with materials, resources and the other area flexible instructional area. The space would be open to teacher use district wide. Create signage for the space using student designs. Planning to arrange school visits to see other STEAM/STEM areas. We will be participating in the Barnes & Noble mini-maker faire on November 5 and 6.

ESL

Meetings have been held with the ESL teachers and the Director of Data, Assessments and Interventions to discuss ESL programming and curricular needs. We have also sent ESL teachers to BCIU for out of district professional development and meetings with other ESL teachers from

the county and the ESL State Coordinator. The teachers will continue to meet throughout the year to evaluate ESL programming and to determine instructional recommendations.

New Business

Gifted Screener

Mrs. Lengle presented a new addition to the gifted screening process. During the 15-16 academic year, a team began looking to expand our gifted screener process by adding a group administered screener. Many screeners were evaluated and late last year, it was decided to purchase the CogAT Screener for all 2nd grade students. This year we will be administering the CogAT Screener to all 2nd grade students in the winter, as well as all move-in students in 3rd through 6th grades. A parent information night will be held on November 17th for all interested 2nd grade parents and guardians. The CogAT Screener will be used in addition to our already established gifted screening process which includes multiple data points for all grade levels, followed by the K-BIT-2 assessment being administered individually for all students referred by teachers or teams of teachers based on grade level data. Parent referrals do not currently go through a screening, but instead go right to the evaluation process. The CogAT Screener is available in Spanish and does not require English-language comprehension.

JSHS Course Handbook

Dr. Jones reviewed the revisions to the JSHS Program of Studies for 2017-2018 school year with the committee. The Program of Studies will be on the Monday, November 7 agenda for approval.

ESSA Recommendations

The PA Every Student Succeeds Act recommendations from stakeholder work groups and associated research for Assessment, Accountability, Educator Preparation, and Educator Evaluation were shared with the committee. PDE will be evaluating the recommendations and will continue to gather feedback from stakeholder groups as they develop the ESSA PA State Plan.

Kutztown University Partnership:

Mrs. Vicente participated in a meeting with other superintendents, BCIU administrators and Department leaders and the Dean for the College of Education at Kutztown University about the possibility of forming a collaborative partnership to provide professional development and teacher preparation programming.

Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health

The district has had a 10-year agreement with the Reading Hospital Center for Mental Health. Our current letter of agreement is up for renewal. This agreement helps to support our Student Assistance Program (SAP) and student based treatment services. Through this partnership, Reading Hospital provides a social worker who services grades K-12. They also provide SAP

evaluations and mental health and drug and alcohol assessments. The agreement will be on the Monday, November 7 agenda for approval.

Transportation Requests

The following transportation requests will be on the Monday, November 7 agenda for approval.

District 10 Chorus – 1/12-14 Bangor Area High School

District 10 Orchestra – 1/26 – 28 – Shenandoah High School

District Band Festival – 2/9-11, 2017

Region V Chorus – 2/23-25, 2017

The meeting adjourned at 12:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent