CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Committee Minutes October 10, 2018

Committee Members Present

Mrs. Sharon Collopy, Chairperson Dr. John Kopicki, Superintendent

Mrs. Beth Darcy
Dr. Nadine Garvin, Asst. Superintendent
Mrs. Jodi Schwartz
Dr. Abram Lucabaugh, Asst. Superintendent

Mr. Dennis Weldon

Others in Attendance

Mr. Glenn Schloeffel, Board President Mr. John Gamble, Board Vice-President

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The September 12, 2018 Curriculum Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/UPDATES:

Mrs. Collopy noted that there had been a change in the posted agenda. Dr. Kopicki explained that the Administration is taking the Board's recommendation (from the last Committee meeting) that no change be made to the Health & Physical Education curriculum. The agenda item has been removed since there will be no change to the 75/25 ratio of activity/classroom work.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL:

AP Microeconomics: Mr. Scott Berger, K-12 Supervisor – Social Studies, presented details for a new AP Microeconomics course of study for the 2019-2020 school year. CB already offers an AP Macroeconomics course, and Mr. Berger noted the differences between the two courses. Units of study for Microeconomics were discussed, including Basic Economic Concepts and the Nature and Function of Products and Markets. Final exam details were reviewed, including a 60-question multiple choice test and a free response requirement. The recommendation would be that this course would be an option preventing the offering of AP courses at the ninth and tenth-grade level. Dr. Lucabaugh confirmed there were no regulations preventing that, however the College Board has not endorsed the practice of AP coursework at the ninth-grade level. Dr. Kopicki remarked he liked the idea that the district is offering more course options to students, and a discussion should be held regarding the idea of offering AP courses to highly-motivated ninth and tenth-grade students. Mrs. Collopy noted the AP test shown in

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meant more twelfth-graders took AP courses. Mr. Chris Johnson (CB East Social Studies Coordinator) noted that at East, total enrollment at the twelfth-grade level rose dramatically. Mrs. Darcy asked if the students were performing well, Mr. Johnson indicated they were. The Committee agrees to send the recommendation to the full board for approval.

Guitar; Music Creation, Production and Marketing; Musical Theater and Technology