

Curriculum Committee Minutes
August 8, 2018

Committee Members Present

Mrs. Sharon Collopy

Mrs. Jodi Schwartz

Dr. John Kopicki, Superintendent

Dr. Scott Davidheiser, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Nadine Garvin, Assistant Superintendent

Dr. Abram Lucabaugh, Assistant Superintendent

Committee Members Absent

Mrs. Beth Darcy

Mr. Dennis Weldon

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mrs. Collopy

REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES

The June 13, 2018 Curriculum Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed.

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ensure teaching staff are prepared for the new program, and Mr. Kratz is confident that support will be successful.

Mrs. Schwartz and Mrs. Collopy inquired about the plans for the students that participated in the pilot program. Mr. Kratz noted all ball classes would continue with the Math in Focus program except for a sixth grade class that will return to the Everyday Math program. Mrs. Schwartz expressed concern that once the new program is implemented in 2019, sixth grade students would be faced with a new program during a pivotal year. Mrs. Collopy commented the strength of the Math in Focus program would help those students transition to middle school. Mr. Kratz was asked if the Math in Focus program had been reviewed for use in learning support classrooms. He noted that the learning support supervisors will review the pilot data and determine how the program will be adapted for learning support classrooms. He remarked that the Math in Focus program is linear and will be used for learning support students. Dr. Kopicki noted the district's responsibility to present the curriculum to the special education student, adapted to the specific accommodations needed for them to participate successfully. Mrs. Schwartz remarked that supplementary materials would be utilized to support students and asked if those supplementary materials had been reviewed during the pilot program. Mr. Kratz noted that they had not yet been reviewed, regular education classes were the focus during the pilot. Dr. Kopicki assured Mrs. Schwartz that whatever accommodations were needed to support students, the district would meet. Dr. Garvin noted that the Special Education supervisors will review the program to ensure their student's needs are being met.

Mr. Kratz recommends that the Math in Focus program be adopted as the new elementary math curriculum. The Committee agrees to move the recommendation forward to the full board for approval.

Secondary Math Final Course Revisions/Requests for Approval. Mr. Kratz noted that textbooks for Math 7, Prealgebra 7, Prealgebra 8 and Algebra 3/Trig had already been approved by the Board. He presented details regarding the curriculum developed for each class. Teacher training will take place on August 29. Dr. Garvin and Dr. Kopicki expressed thanks to Mr. Kratz for his time, effort and dedication while working with the committees on the curriculum development and the elementary math pilot program.

The Committee agrees to recommend all courses to the full board for approval.

Secondary Business and Technology Course Revisions/Requests for Approval. Mr. John Boyle (Asst. Principal - Unami) and Mr. John Murtha (Asst. Principal -

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Melissa Hallman (Technology Teacher– Holicong), Natalie Spatafora (Technology Ed teacher Unami), Matthew Powell (Technology Ed teacher– Tohickon) and Luke Drake (Technology Ed teacher – Tamanend) presented the proposed curriculum for the Integrated Technology 2 course which will be offered to eight and ninth grade students this school year. The project based course will require students produce an ongoing collection of their work through a digital portfolio. There are three units the curriculum. Each unit will prepare students for the technology skills required for high school, college and career. The course will introduce students to the essential entrepreneurship through the application of how entrepreneurs utilize technology to start and operate companies. Students will construct a business plan using the MS office Suite along with creating and presenting a website and commercial using Web 2.0 tools. The course will use business concepts to teach many different technologies, giving students a real world application for the different programs. The last unit will include a “Shark Tank” scenario, where students will present their product to a panel of teachers. Dr. Davidheiser expressed appreciation to the Technology Ed teachers for their hard work with the Integrated Technology 1 course and their commitment to developing the Integrated Technology 2 course.

The Committee agrees to move all three courses to the full board for approval.

Additional Commentary: Dr. Kopicki thanked Dr. Davidheiser for his work with the middle school schedule. He congratulated Dr. Davidheiser on his future role as Superintendent of Lower Moreland School District and noted his legacy of excellence during his tenure at Central Bucks.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Next Meeting: September 12, 2018