

## CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Curriculum Committee Minutes September 12, 2018

#### **Committee Members Present**

Mrs. Sharon Collopy, Chairperson  
Mrs. Jodi Schwartz  
Mr. Dennis Weldon

Dr. John Kopicki, Superintendent  
Dr. Nadine Garvin, Asst. Superintendent  
Dr. Abram Lucabaugh, Asst. Superintendent

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Mrs. Beth Darcy

#### **Others in Attendance**

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

Ms. Andrea DiDio-Hauber, Director of Human Resources  
Mr. Jason Jaffe, Director of Technology & Innovation

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Mrs. Collopy

#### **REVIEW OF MEETING NOTES**

The August 8, 2018 Curriculum Committee Meeting minutes were reviewed.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL:**

**Spanish 3 Academic Course of Study and Spanish 3 Textbook Adoption: Ms. Stacy Gray, Coordinator – World Languages Department:** Ms. Stacy Gray presented a recommendation for adoption of a Spanish 3 course of study and textbook. This Spanish 3 course is the third course in the academic Spanish course sequence 1-4. She reviewed department standards and skills. The Spanish 3 course was created using the Understanding by Design model and is separated into five strands, which include essential questions and enduring understandings that reinforce the World Language Learning Principles and national standards. Each strand includes recurring themes throughout the course. The new course of study develops many of the 21<sup>st</sup> century skills that are essential for learners. Ms. Gray reviewed the final assessments, which include speaking, reading, writing, listening and a cultural assessment. Costs for the textbooks were detailed. Content is purchased from the publisher and then housed in Canvas. A set of thirty hard copies of the textbook would be purchased for each teacher, as well as a six-year online subscription for each student. The cost for the textbook and online subscription is \$91.95 each. The Committee agrees to move the proposal to the full board for approval.

**Adoption of Revised Course of Study for Health & PE 7061/7062 and Request for the Pilot of “Personal and Emotional Health” unit in preparation for inclusion in COS for 2019-2020:** Dr. Lucabaugh noted that Mrs. Angela Hendershot, Coordinator – Health & Physical Education Department, was unable to attend the meeting and had asked Dr. Lucabaugh to present the recommendation. Dr. Lucabaugh reviewed some background details of the curriculum, noting that it had not been revised since 2012. A team of three high school HPE teachers, Ms. Maxine Pullar (South), Ms. Kerri Rabberman (South/East/Unami), and Ms. Jessica Schuck (East/West) worked over the summer with Ms. Hendershot on the proposed curriculum revisions. Dr. Lucabaugh noted that one reason for the proposed revisions were the new state standards that the Pennsylvania Department of Education will be releasing in the

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spring. The Health & Physical Education Department is asking for approval of the revised curriculum, and for approval of a pilot program of one of the courses from the new curriculum. Dr. Lucabaugh referred to "national" and "state" standards. Mrs. Collopy asked for clarification that the curriculum was being revised in light of national standards that will be released next year and that PA would also adopt revised standards. She explained that there are no "national" standards. There are nation-wide, independent organizations that create standards, but they are not federal government standards and while PA may use those standards as guidance, the state is not required to adopt them. Dr. Lucabaugh highlighted some of the proposed changes in curriculum, noting the Physical Education portion of this course will include Team Sports, Lifetime Activities, Personal Fitness, and Cooperative Activities. Health Education in this course includes Nutrition, First Aid, Substance Abuse, Mental Health, Stress Management, Healthy Relationships, and HIV/AIDS. He commented the addition of the Personal & Emotional Health section of the curriculum was a significant addition, and he was proud of the work the team had done. Discussion was held regarding details of the proposed pilot program. Mrs. Collopy expressed disappointment that there were no representatives from the HPE Department at the meeting to address some concerns about the proposed revisions. Concerns included the increase in classroom work vs. physical activity and whether Personal & Emotional Health should be the responsibility of the HPE curriculum. Mrs. Collopy noted the proposed revision would mean 50% of HPE would be classroom work, an increase of 25% from the current curriculum. Mr. Gamble noted that parents were already expressing concern at the limited physical activity students received in HPE. Dr. Kopicki proposed that only one pilot class be held in each high school. Teachers and students would be surveyed at the end of the class. Survey data would then be shared with the Committee. He remarked that he agreed a 75/25 split between activity and classwork was the best scenario, he could not recommend a 50/50 split. Mr. Weldon commented that the intent of the proposed revision was exactly as it should be, but details on how best to implement them needed to be worked out. He remarked that physical activity was an important component in emotional health and well-being. Mr. Gamble also noted that HPE provided a much-needed break from the classroom structure. Mr. Schloeffel expressed concern at some of the requirements of the Aquatics course. Mrs. Schwartz also has concerns about the Aquatics program and would like more information from the HPE Department. The Committee respects the work that was done on the revision and asks that the topic be tabled until the October meeting so the HPE Department can attend and address Committee concerns.

**UPDATE/INFORMATION:**

**Technology Update (K-12 Timeline and 1:1 MS Initiative: Mr. Jason Jaffe – Director of Technology and Innovation:** Mr. Jaffe presented a summary of the one-to-one five-year initiative. He reviewed work done over the summer in preparation for this week's rollout of laptops to the middle schools. The Technology & Innovation Department completed set up of all laptops prior to distribution. He reviewed the logistics of the shipping, receipt and distribution of the equipment. A parent night was held at Tohickon to review the program with parents. Mr. Brian Novick discussed the preparation details for the rollout, including a 20-minute presentation to the students shown at an assembly when the laptops were distributed. The student presentation covered technical support options, student responsibility for the equipment - including the pen attached to the laptop, and the I-Team program where selected students serve as ambassadors for the program and help with some tech support. There will be a parent night at Lenape on October 4, providing all middle school parents an idea of how the laptop is being used to support the curriculum. Mr. Weldon commented his daughter was a member of the I-Team and was very excited at the opportunity. Mrs. Schwartz asked that the rollout next year be handled in

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reverse, the last school to receive laptops this year should be the first next year. Dr. Kopicki and Dr. Lucabaugh noted the Technology & Innovation Department had done an incredible job with the rollout.

**Additional Comments:** Mrs. Collopy asked that more description be given on the check register when items are submitted for approval by the Board. She also noted that at tonight's full board meeting a vote would be held to approve monies for the Everyday Math program. She stated that Mr. Kratz had done a wonderful job preparing the new math program, and it was her sincere hope that tonight's vote would be the last penny the district spends on Everyday Math.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** October 10, 2018