

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Committee Minutes
November 13, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Gamble, Chairperson
Jerel Wohl, Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Joe Jagelka	Dr. David Weitzel	Dr. Bolton	Mr. Kratz
Geri McMullin	Dr. Nancy Silvius	Mrs. Lang	
Tyler Tomlinson	Mrs. Scafuro	Mr. Hadfield	

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Corr, Member
Kelly Unger, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Collopy asked 1) if total graduation requirements starting with the Class of 2017 would decrease given that the graduation project and 9th Grade Assessment are decreasing in credit amount. 2) Commented on the bus taking wrestlers from Lenape to West for hydration tests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curriculum Committee Minutes from September 11, 2013 were approved as presented.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

New Elective Course in High School Physical Education—Luke Hadfield presented the course, “Stress Management and Healthy Living” which the high school physical education department proposes to be offered every other day for a marking period for .25 credit (23 sessions). The course focuses on stress, its causes, and ways to deal with it through exercise, nutrition, relaxation, awareness interventions and behavioral techniques. Mrs. McMullin commented that the Board had challenged the PE Department to become more innovative with any course they proposed. Mr. Gamble asked about a need for a textbook. Dr. Weitzel and Dr. Silvius indicated that a textbook would not be needed that teachers would develop their own resources. Mr. Jagelka commented that this course might be appropriate for earlier grades than high school. Mr. Hadfield responded that elements from this course are adapted and used in earlier grades. Dr. Silvius and Mrs. Scafuro also said that stress management student groups are offered through guidance counselors.

This course was recommended by the committee for approval by the Board.

New Special Education Electives Courses for High School—Dale Scafuro presented “Employability” as a new elective. The course will help students to become better prepared for the workforce. In the course, students will practice real life scenarios in a supportive learning environment. They focus on communication, attitude, self-advocacy, response to constructive criticism, teamwork, problem-solving and professionalism.

Mrs. Scafuro also presented “Independent Living” as an elective course to expose students to daily activities of grocery shopping, cooking, health and safety, homecare, and navigating the community. In response to a question from Mr. Gamble, Mrs. Scafuro clarified that money management is taught in the math class.

Both courses were recommended by the committee for approval by the Board.

Revised Course of Study in Math—Mr. Kratz presented the revised Algebra 2/Trig course which has been aligned to the Keystone Algebra 2 Exam, which the PA Department of Education has indicated will be optional for districts, and to the PA Core Standards. The same textbook will be used.

Algebra Lab is a course designed for high school students who did not score proficient on the Keystone Algebra I exam. There is an online component as well as the classroom. A workbook accompanies this course.

These two courses were recommended by the committee for approval by the Board.

Additional Math Item—A committee of elementary teachers working with Mr. Kratz completed a review of the K-6 math curriculum over the past two years. This committee looked for strengths and followed through with addressing any areas of concern.

Revised Policy 122-Extracurricular, Co-Curricular Activities and Athletics—Dr. Silvius reviewed the correction of Policy 122 which now states marching band is a co-curricular activity. This has been the practice that has been in effect for many years. This correction of Policy 122 brings the policy in line with the practice.

ADJOURNMENT

Minutes submitted by Dr. Nancy Silvius, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education and Administrative Liaison to the Curriculum Committee.