

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Committee Minutes
September 11, 2013

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Gamble, Chairperson
Geri McMullin, Member
Kelly Unger, Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Joe Jagelka
Dr. David Weitzel
Dr. Nancy Silvius
Dr. Amanda Mumford
Dr. Alyssa Walloff
Kate Fantasky

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Steve Corr, Member
Jerel Wohl, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curriculum Committee Minutes from May 8, 2013 were approved as presented.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

School Performance Profile—Paul Beltz provided an update on the PA School Performance Profile. The SPP will be released on September 30th on the PDE website. This score includes results of the 2012-2013 test data. Pennsylvania applied for and was granted an NCLB waiver with the Federal Department of Education for the SPP to replace NCLB AYP ratings on schools.

Most of the academic scores used to calculate the SPP originate through state testing—PSSA and Keystone Exams. The SPP includes a huge component based on growth shown through PSSA and Keystones—this growth measure is known as PVAAS.

The academic performance score from the SPP will be used for teacher evaluations at the end of 2013-2014.

Review of Field Trips—Dr. Weitzel reviewed for clarification the types of field trips which require Board approval:

- All overnight trips will come to the Board for approval, including any trips by athletic teams in the summer that are overnight.
- Metropolitan areas will be expanded to include Baltimore, Pittsburgh, and Boston.

Reporting Student Performance at the Elementary Level—Dr. Weitzel introduced the topic of reporting of student performance at the elementary level. In May, June and July 2013, a committee of elementary teachers and administrators has been working on revision of the elementary report card and elementary portfolios. Administrators, Dr. Amanda Mumford and Kate Fantasky, and Staff Developer, Suzanne Dailey, have been leading the research and dialogue on this topic. Parent study meetings are offering constructive feedback on the report card revisions. The committee expects to expand the standards-based components of the elementary report card. Sample prototypes were shared, and the committee will continue to provide updates throughout the year.

Revision to Courses of Study for High School English—The following revised English elective courses of study were presented by Dr. Alyssa Walloff, K-12 Supervisor of English Language Arts, and recommended by the committee for approval by the Board.

- Creative Writing
- SAT/ACT Preparation: Critical Reading and Writing
- Introduction to Film Studies

ADJOURNMENT

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