

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Committee Minutes
January 8, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Gamble, Chairperson
Kelly Unger, Member
Jerel Wohl, Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Jim Duffy	Dr. David Weitzel	Dr. David Bolton
Joe Jagelka	Dr. Nancy Silvius	Mr. Richard Kratz
Tyler Tomlinson		

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Gerri McMullin, Member

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Curriculum Committee Minutes from November 13, 2013 were approved as presented.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

Revised Policy 231—Student Travel—Revisions included 1) addition of regulations on administering medication to students while on a trip and 2) additions of clarifying information for staff members on chaperoning trips not associated or approved by the school district. Mr. Joe Jagelka suggested a change in wording for page 3 from “Board, Superintendent or Principal”, to “the school district.” Others board members agreed with his change. Mr. John Gamble inquired about the possibility of a homestay program in the middle schools. Dr. Silvius responded that middle school principals have considered this proposal and unanimously agree that this is not a program they can support for the middle school student age level.

Revised Policy 412—Evaluation of Professional Employees and Policy 413—Evaluation of Temporary Professional Employees—Revisions to these policies are required by PDE to reflect alignment with Act 82. The policies include use of the new state evaluation form and rating of teachers in the four domains: distinguished, proficient, needs improvement and failing.

Advanced Math Update—Dr. Weitzel described the procedures for elementary students who are identified as needing an advanced math course not taught in the elementary school and Dr. Silvius described the same for advanced math middle school students when the course needed is not taught in the middle school. Starting September 2014, these students will take an online advanced math course in their home school during the regular math period. Students will have an online certified teacher available Monday thru Friday 7:30 am to 7:30 pm with 1-to-1 instruction via web meeting/chat/phone. Students also have a personal academic coach who supports and guides the student and parent through the online learning process; monitors program, provides regular feedback, and is accessible by phone/email. For the past few years the district has been working with an online course provider, Educere, in several capacities. Educere will provide the advanced math online courses. This procedure is less disruptive the student’s schedule/day.

ADJOURNMENT

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