

# CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Curriculum Committee Notes

April 15, 2015

### MEMBERS PRESENT

John Gamble, Chairperson  
Kelly Unger, Member

### OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Steve Corr	Dr. David Weitzel	Dr. Alyssa Walloff	Laura E'Nama
Geri McMullin	Dr. David Bolton	Scott Berger	
Tyler Tomlinson	Dr. Nancy Silvious	Richard Kratz	

### COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerel Wohl

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No Public Comment

### PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

There were no changes

### INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

**Elementary Initiative-QUEST**—Dr. Weitzel presented additional information on the proposed new specials course for elementary students in grades 1 through 6. QUEST, Questioning and Understanding through Engineering, Science, and Technology, is intended to allow students to apply and integrate the content of our elementary curriculum. The vision statement for the course is “We will enrich students’ authentic learning experiences by building their 21<sup>st</sup> century skills in collaboration, critical and creative thinking, and communication to solve real world challenges.”

As part of the presentation, Dr. Weitzel reviewed the program learning principles, enduring understandings, essential questions, and a unit planning guide that will be used for all grade levels. Ms. Lindsay Smith, member of the core team and a grade 5 teacher at Bridge Valley, presented a sample unit on designing, building, and testing a catapult. If approved, the QUEST curriculum will be fully developed by the teachers who are hired to teach the program. A proposed schedule of summer in-service and curriculum development has been developed.

Multiple questions were asked by the School Board members. The following answers were provided:

- All schools will present the same units at each grade level
- Technology will be available to the QUEST teacher and will not take away from the availability for the other teachers in the building
- Approximately 12 teachers will be hired for the program
- Current computer lab time will continue to be scheduled for the classroom teachers
- Monthly staff development and program evaluation will occur throughout the summer and school year
- The QUEST program will not be part of the student progress report until the 2016-2017 school year
- Classes will meet weekly for 40 minutes and each unit will take between 8 and 12 weeks to complete

The Committee recommended the program be presented for approval at the April 28, 2015 School Board meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meeting is May 13, 2015

### ADJOURNMENT

Notes submitted by Dr. David Bolton, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Education