

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Committee Notes

January 13, 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Collopy, Chair
Karen Smith, Member
Dennis Weldon, Member
Jerel Wohl, Member

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

Beth Darcy	Dr. David Weitzel	Jason Jaffe
Paul Faulkner	Dr. David Bolton	Richard Kratz
John Gamble	Dr. Nancy Silvius	Corinne Sikora
Glenn Schloeffel		Mary Kay Speese

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Julie Whalen, Elizabeth McKenna, Samuel Hauser, and Kristi Hauser commented on the elementary report card.

Marian Mass and Eric Mass commented on up-booked online for math course.

Mary Binger commented on music and block scheduling

Nancy Santacealia commented on weighting of courses and technology.

PREVIOUS MEETING NOTES

There were no changes

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Revision of Policy 123.1—Concussion Management—Corinne Sikora reviewed revisions to 123.1 which reflect practices already in effect at secondary schools. At the beginning of each athletic session, an information meeting is held with athletes on concussions and the importance of proper concussion management. A baseline concussion test is administered each year to high school, and every two years to middle school, athletes involved in collision and contact sports. New guidelines were included in this policy which addresses ‘return to learn’ and ‘return to play’ protocols.

Policy 123.2—Sudden Cardiac Arrest—Corinne Sikora reviewed that 123.3 was formerly an attachment to Policy 123 and now changing to a policy based on PSBA guidelines. Revisions reflect what is presently in practice in the district.

Revision to Policy 123—Interscholastic Athletics—Corinne Sikora reviewed that the only change to Policy 123 was the reference section which now shows no attachments to this policy.

New Policy 113.3—Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities—Mary Kay Speese informed board members that this new policy required by PSBA puts into policy the procedures for screening and evaluations which already are in practice in the district. Board members discussed that timelines from state and federal regulations related to this policy are available through the web links in the legal section of the policy.

Revision to Policy 816—Electronic Communications and Social Media/Networking—Jason Jaffe reviewed a change in this policy related to students posting comments to class collaboration sites which are restricted to viewing within the teacher’s class roster and within the CBSD domain.

Everyday Math 4—Richard Kratz presented his recommendations for a district committee of elementary teachers to review the Everyday Math 4 curriculum update. Mr. Kratz suggested a timeline of May 2016 for the committee to determine if they would recommend the new materials for implementation in September 2016. If

the materials were to be approved for implementation, a curriculum writing group would work during the summer to present a final curriculum document in August 2016. Board members gave Mr. Kratz approvals to convene the review committee.

Discussion of Formation of a School Board Policy Committee—This agenda item was moved to the Operations Committee agenda for January 20, 2016.

Review of Elementary Reporting Documents—Dr. Bolton presented three documents: the elementary report card last used in 2013-2014, the reporting student progress document used in 2014-2015, and the revised reporting student progress document being used in 2015-2016. He highlighted the adjustments that were made in summer 2015 to the revised document. These changes were a result of input from teachers, parents, and administrators.

Discussion ensued regarding some board members' desire for adjustments to be made to the current document. Options discussed were: including letter grades to the current document, reverting to the report card of 2013-2014, or creating a hybrid document to include both standards-based indicators and letter grades.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next scheduled meeting is February 10, 2016

ADJOURNMENT

Notes submitted by Dr. Nancy Silvious, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education