



CURRICULUM COUNCIL AGENDA

February 21, 2017

Members Present: Wanda Miller, **Cathy Collins**, Harmony Brenneman, TJ Winkler, Allison Van Gorder, Jill Ackerman, **Jackie Blosser**, Sally Windle, Stacy Barker, Joel Steinmetz, Brian Wischmeyer, Lee Stockhaus, **Peter Badertscher** *purple not in attendance*

Review/Approve minutes – TJ moved to accept the corrected minutes and was seconded by Sally and were subsequently approved without dissent.

Old Business –

Distress Committee – Jill

Jill is meeting with the Commission on Feb. 23rd.

Curriculum Guides Updates – Continuing to work towards deadlines.

New Business –

Contemporary Literature – Alison

Proposal for a new High School Elective Class that is not an English class.

*Proposal from Librarian, Kathy Lewis, for Semester Class centered around Contemporary/Current Literature. **See attached proposal at the end of the meeting minutes.** Jill moved to approve the class, seconded by Harmony. The motion was approved without dissent.*

Committee Updates

Math – *I am meeting with West's 7th grade math team to unwrap math standards and find appropriate resources to support the unwrapped standards for the remaining units.*

*I am also conducting math walk-throughs for grades 3-6 to try to figure out where the disconnect is in regards to our low math scores. **Submitted digitally.***

Technology –

Testing setup should be ready district wide. Wireless upgrade at High School for next tech project followed in the following year by other buildings. Laptops are starting to cycle into needed replacements due to age and use.

ELA – No report 

Social Studies –

There is one more HS textbook company presentation left before the committee begins working towards a decision. K-4 curriculum work continues with an emphasis on cross grades standards. I will be attending the standards review committee for ODE before our next CC meeting.

Career Tech –

71.3% of sophomores registered. All District Eighth graders are coming next week, March 2nd. All Career Tech programs will be on courses for next year.

Special Ed. –

The Tenth grade Special Ed. students will be going to the transition fair next Month. All eleventh grade students are set up for accommodations for ACT.

Science –

I am continuing to work on curriculum guides and HS textbook adoptions. I am also pursuing grants for science teacher PD.

Arts –

Reviewing sample curriculums for five different areas.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:02 P.M after motion by Brian, seconded by TJ and approved without dissent.

Suggested New Course

Course Title: Contemporary Literature (or Current Literature) ???

Course Type: Elective

Course Duration: Semester

Credits: .5

Course Description: Students will have the opportunity to read books that are currently popular. This course will be designed as a semi-independent study course; meaning the teacher will not sit with the students and direct discussion every day during class. Students will be expected to come to the library and spend their class time reading or working on the assigned book project.

During the Semester the students will be required to choose books from the following genres

- Non fiction
- Biography
- Self Help
- Holocaust
- Historical Fiction
- Realist fiction
- Science fiction
- Romance
- Mythology inspired
- Fairy Tale inspired
- Mystery
- Graphic Novel
- Action/ Adventure
- Horror