

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes March 14, 2011, 5:00 P.M.

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, March 14, 2011, in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Alan Tabachnick. Present were Board President, Gary Johnson; Board Vice President, Kathleen Oxberry; Board Members: Mel Brodsky, Kelly Jowett, Sue Moore, and Beth Suchsland; Superintendent, Dr. Vincent Cotter; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; PW High School Principal, Heather Nuneviller; PW High School Assistant Principal, Joe Carracappa; Dr. Liz McKeaney, Sergio Anaya, Maria Bellino, Donna Gaffney, Kathleen Hamill; community members Tom Davis and Linda Doll; and Marge Gramlich.

There were no public comments on the agenda.

Secondary Summer School Programs:

- Credit Recovery – Mrs. Heather Nuneviller, PW High School Principal, reported on a plan for the on-line credit recovery program at PWHS this summer. This year the program will be extended to six weeks to provide more time for students to complete the course work. The on-site staff component will decrease from four days per week to three days per week this year, with no additional cost to the district. Students will be able to utilize technology in the PWHS library on designated days and will also have access to this program from home.
- Summer Bridge Program – Mr. Joe Carracappa presented a proposal for the 2011 Bridge Program. He noted that this year's program is designed to serve 120 students and will run in three separate, one-week sessions. It is proposed that students will meet Monday through Thursday from August 1 through August 18. Students will be exposed to information pertaining to rigorous academics, organizational skills and technology. This program is in addition to the 9th Grade Orientation program scheduled for August 25th.
- Mr. Carracappa also reported that CMS students, who may not need the level of support offered by the Bridge program, will be invited to participate in the "Jump Start" program. This program will include three brief orientation sessions, two hours in length, and will accommodate 50 students per session. Both programs are open to students who are new to CSD or to PWHS.
- CMS Summer Learning Recovery Plan – Dr. McKeaney stated that students who are performing below proficiency level are being provided interventions before, during and after the school day. She proposed offering content-based learning recovery sessions at CMS this summer using an on-line solution for those students who have failed one or two subjects. The program would consist of four-hour sessions, three days per week, from June 21st to July 20th at the CMS Library. Dr. McKeaney indicated that one staff member would be required to facilitate these sessions. Various program options are being explored to provide the content/tutorial for the students enrolled in this program.
- Extended School Year Program ("ESY") – Dr. Gorodetzer reported on the ESY program for students with disabilities. Funding for this federally mandated program is provided

through IDEA. The program will be held at CES from June 20-July 21, Mondays through Thursdays.

- Girls in Technology Summer Program – Ms. Maria Bellino reported on the Girls in Technology program which will run from June 13-25, 2011. She indicated that this summer's program will be differentiated by age; two teachers will instruct two sessions each day. Each session will serve a maximum of 20 students. The cost for the program is \$180. This program is open to CSD students only. A flyer will be sent to parents at the end of the month and will be available on the district website and information will be broadcast on CITV.

Curriculum Updates:

- World Language Program Initiative – Mr. Sergio Anaya, World Language Curriculum Supervisor, noted that four students at PWHS are currently enrolled in an on-line Chinese language program. Mr. Anaya also shared that four CMS students are piloting a Chinese language and cultural program at CMS during the activity period for the third and fourth marking periods. Feedback from both groups of students will be analyzed to determine interest moving forward.
- Mr. Anaya indicated that a non-AP World Language track is being created in an effort to increase student participation and to enhance our World Language program. He also reported that there will be expanded opportunities for reading students at CMS to participate in language classes.
- Federal Programs Review Update - Mrs. Kathleen Hamill, Federal Programs Coordinator, reported that a Federal Programs review recently took place at CSD. She noted that Mrs. Marie Bonner from the Pennsylvania Department of Education reviewed CSD's Title I; Title II, part A and Title III programs at CE and CES. Mrs. Hamill will share the formal report when it is received.
- CIA Project Time Lines – 21st Century – Dr. Liz McKeaney provided information about ongoing initiatives to embed 21st century skills into the curriculum. She noted an increase of STEM skills into science, math and technology content areas, including professional development to support incorporation of those skills. Dr. McKeaney also indicated that science curricular units have been rearranged and realigned. She discussed a professional development video series currently in development that will demonstrate communication and collaboration in the classroom. Dr. McKeaney screened a short "Teachable Moment" illustrating differentiation and discourse which was filmed during a third grade math class at RP.
- Keystone Update - Donna Gaffney, Mathematics Curriculum Supervisor provided an update on the Keystone Examinations. She noted that on March 8, 2011, a communication sent to superintendents indicated that the Governor's budget proposal recommended a one year pause in the development of the Keystone Exams. Mrs. Gaffney stated that PDE recommends participating, as planned, in the spring 2011 Algebra I test which will be given to a small number of CSD students at the completion of the Integrated Math 2 course. Mrs. Gaffney also noted that the Department of

Education has not yet aligned the Common Core Standards to the Pennsylvania State Standards.

Conference Requests: A conference request was reviewed for PWHHS College Counselor Patricia Tamborello to attend an overnight visitation program at Stevenson University in Stevenson, MD on March 25, 2011. There is no cost associated with this request. Consensus was given to present this conference request at the Board Meeting on March 17, 2011.

There being no public comments, Chairman Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Marge Gramlich
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