

## **Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes December 8, 2010, 5:15 P.M.**

*The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, December 8, 2010, in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Committee Chairman, Alan Tabachnick. Present were Board President, Gary Johnson; Board Members: Bernie Brady, Mel Brodsky, Kelly Jowett and Kathleen Oxberry; Superintendent, Dr. Vincent Cotter; Assistant Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; PW High School Principal, Heather Nuneviller; Dr. Liz McKeaney, Sergio Anaya, Maria Bellino, Donna Gaffney, Kathleen Hamill; community member Linda Doll; and Marge Gramlich.*

There were no public comments on the agenda.

**Textbook Approval:** Sergio Anaya, Social Studies and World Languages Curriculum Supervisor, presented a request from the World Language Department involving the purchase of 225 textbooks. These textbooks will be used for Spanish Levels 1, 2 and 3 courses. Consensus was given by the members of the Curriculum Committee to support this request.

**World Language Conference:** Mrs. Heather Nuneviller, Principal of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, briefly reported on the ACTFL World Language Conference in Boston that she and Sergio Anaya recently attended with two World Language teachers. Mrs. Nuneviller noted that some of the information learned at the conference will be incorporated into the World Language action plan.

**Program Updates:** Dr. Liz McKeaney, Director of the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Department, discussed updates on enrichment and student leadership opportunities.

- A group of 19 teacher leaders are participating in a six week *Differentiated Instruction/ Problem Solving* Mathematics professional development workshop designed to challenge students. The teachers participating in this workshop will be sharing these strategies with their colleagues during various professional learning sessions.
- A four-year action plan for an intern and fellowship writing program at the high school has been developed. Students previously attended an information meeting for this program and applicants are currently being interviewed. Updates on this topic will be given at future meetings.

**Mini Grants:** Dr. McKeaney noted that CSD has applied to Pennsylvania Staff Development Council for a mini-grant for the Differentiated Instruction/Math Problem Solving training course. A response from PSDC is expected by mid-December. Dr. McKeaney also indicated that we have applied to PASCD for a \$1,000 grant to support the writing center initiative. In addition, a mini-grant is sought from CFEI for *Link to Learn*, a distance learning resource that provides content experts and lessons for specific topics.

**Community Preschool Outreach:** Mrs. Kathleen Hamill, Language Arts Curriculum Supervisor, shared that a follow-up to the June 1 community pre-school information session is

being planned for early 2011. The follow-up session, designed to improve the readiness of children entering Kindergarten, will focus on Language Arts.

**Conference Requests:** None

There being no Public Comments, Chairman Tabachnick adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
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