

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes March 10, 2014

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, March 10, 2014 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Curriculum Committee Chairman Mel Brodsky. Present were Board President, Susan Moore, Vice-President, Beth Suchsland; Board Members: Christina Frangiosa, Leslie Finegold, Heather Palmer, Kathleen Oxberry, Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, Karen Berk; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Liz McKeane; Curriculum Supervisors: Dr. Katy Giovanisci, Maria Wileczek, Community Member, Linda Doll, and Nancy Aiken.

Public Comments: There were no public comments on the agenda.

Curriculum Committee Chairman Mel Brodsky opened the meeting asking for any public comments and there were none. Dr. McKeane then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Technology Audit

Drew Boegly, Director of Technology, presented findings, recommendations and actions of the Technology Strategic Plan. Mr. Boegly shared that a team from Chester County Intermediate Unit (CCIU) conducted a technology audit in December 2013. CCIU members visited sites, examined infrastructure and existing equipment, conducted interviews and reviewed existing procedures. A report was presented in mid-January which listed the findings and recommendations of the audit team.

Summer Programs

Dr. Katy Giovanisci, put forth two summer camp proposals from the music department entitled Summer String Camp and Sing Fest. Summer String Camp is a program that will allow string students to continue their musical studies, as it aligns with the instrumental music curriculum. This Program is aimed at CSD students who are currently enrolled in the string program. All students entering grades five through eight are eligible for the program with leadership opportunities open to students entering grades nine through twelve. The Summer String Camp will run for one week for six hours a day from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the month of July. Sing Fest is a program that will allow students to continue their musical interests as it aligns with the general music curriculum. All students entering grades two through seven are eligible for the program with leadership opportunities open to students entering grades nine through twelve. Sing Fest will run for one week for six hours a day from 9:00 am – 3:00 pm in the month of June.

Information Updates:

22 Pa. Code Ch. 4 Revisions

Dr. Liz McKeane provided updates to the State Board of Education's recent revisions to 22 Pa. Code Ch. 4 regulations for academic standards and assessment effective as of Saturday, March 1, 2014. Liz also shared highlights of the Chapter 4 proposals including Keystone Exams, high school graduation requirements, clarification of statewide curriculum, and elimination of state-prescribed strategic plans.

Educator Effectiveness

Maria Wileczek provided updates on Educator Effectiveness and shared the Pa Department of Education (PDE) Educator Effectiveness and CSD Timeline. She reported as part of Act 82 Teacher Effectiveness 2013-2014, PDE will develop a rating tool to reflect student performance and employee observation results. The PDE Component consists of the Danielson Framework and the percentage of which each component will factor into the CSD Standards for Teaching. The Danielson Domains were rolled out to each building during the August PD. Maria also discussed the percentage of student performance and the overall rating which is based on multiple measures such as the School Performance Profile (SPP) and Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment System (PVAAS).

Maria shared how she and CSD Administrators participated in the PVAAS Webinar hosted by PDE on February 20, 2014. The purpose of this webinar was to prepare administrators for the upcoming requirements of Teacher Roster Verification Process that will take place in May 2014.

Conference Requests: A conference request was reviewed for Rachel Milleo and Dr. Katy Giovanisci to attend a conference from May 3, 2014 in Greensburg, PA on Increasing the Power of Guided Reading. A third conference request was presented for Gina Nelson, Math Curriculum Coordinator to attend the NCTM Annual Meeting and Exposition from April 9 - 12, 2014 in New Orleans, Louisiana. The fourth conference request was for Olga Sominia, Spanish and Latin teacher at CMS, to attend a conference at Bureau of Educational Research (BER) on Enhancing Spanish and Language Instruction on April 2, 2014 in Cherry Hill, NJ. Consensus was given to present these requests at the Colonial Board of School Directors Meeting on March 20, 2014.

Discussion Items: There were no items for discussion

Public Comment: There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
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