

## Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes March 17, 2015

*The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Curriculum Committee Chairman, Mel Brodsky. Present were Board President, Susan Moore; Board Vice-President, Beth Suchsland, Board Members: Leslie Finegold, Heather Palmer, and Christine Frangiosa; Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Liz McKeaney; Karen Berk, Director of Pupil Services, Curriculum Supervisors: Maria Wileczek, Dr. Katy Giovanisci and Curriculum Coordinator, Gina Nelson; PWHS Assistant Principal, Heather King, College Counselor, Patricia Tamborello; Community Member, Linda Doll; and Nancy Aiken.*

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

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

### **Guidance Counseling Updates**

Heather King, Assistant Principal of PWHS, presented a power point presentation entitled "PWHS College & Career Readiness" which demonstrated an overview of the current roles, responsibilities, and caseloads of the PWHS school counselors as well as future programmatic goals. Ms. King and College and Career Counselor, Mrs. Pat Tamborello, shared how students are currently using *Naviance* (a college and career readiness platform that helps connect achievement and interests to post-secondary goals) as an application tool for post-secondary education. They reported that, while they have made much progress in streamlining the college application process through the use of *Naviance*, their goal is to maximize its use to better assist each PWHS student with developing an optimal 4-year college/career pathway plan.

### **Mathematical Practices Overview**

Gina Nelson, Mathematics Curriculum Coordinator, presented a power point presentation entitled "The Mathematical Practices" which demonstrated an overview of the 8 Mathematical Practices that couple with PA Core Standards and content shifts happening at CSD. The 8 Mathematical Practices that Gina spoke on are: MP1 – Make Sense of Problems & Persevere in Solving them, *strategy*: Focus on the Question; MP2 - Reason Abstractly and Quantitatively, *strategy*: Numbers Webs; MP3 - Construct Viable Arguments and Critique the Reasoning of Others, *strategies*: Eliminate It, questioning/discourse, Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures; MP4 - Model with Mathematics, *strategy*: think aloud; MP5 - Use Appropriate Tools Strategically, *strategy*: In my Head; MP6 - Attend to Precision, *strategy*: Estimate and Exact; MP7 - Look for and Make use of Structure, *strategy*: Pattern Cover-up; and MP8 - Look for and Express Regularity in Repeated Reasoning, *strategy*: questioning, What do you notice? Do you see any patterns? Have we seen this before? What shortcuts? Does the pattern apply to all problems of this type? The strategies listed are ways that teachers incorporate the mathematical practices into their daily lessons.

Mrs. Nelson finished her presentation with a Teachable Moment video featuring Chris Speranza's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class at CE and Michelle Gilbert, K-3 Math Coach, teaching a lesson targeting the PA Core Content Standards M03.B-O.1.1.1 Interpret and/or describe products of whole numbers and M03.B-O.1.2.1 Use multiplication (up to and including  $10 \times 10$ ) and/or division (limit dividends through 50,

and limit divisors and quotients through 10) to solve word problems in situations involving equal groups, **arrays**, and/or measurement quantities.

### **Conference Requests**

Conference requests were reviewed for Mr. Michael Lyle, Mrs. Michelle Gilbert, Mrs. Lisa Lee, Mrs. Amanda Binczewski and Mrs. Jill Ruggiero to attend the NCSM/NCTM ( Network Communicate Support Motivate - Leadership in Mathematics Education)(National Council of Teachers of Mathematics) annual conference from April 13 – 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in Boston, MA. These conferences are being paid for by the Ready to Learn Grant. Consensus was given to present these requests at the Colonial Board of School Directors Meeting on March 19, 2015.

**Discussion Items:** There was no discussion items presented.

**Public Comment:** There were no public comments.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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