

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes December 14, 2015

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, December 14, 2015 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Curriculum Committee Chairman Leslie Finegold. Present were Vice-President, Beth Suchsland; Board Member, Cathy Peduzzi; Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Liz McKeaney; Curriculum Supervisors: Maria Wileczek, Dr. Katy Giovanisci and Sergio Anaya, Curriculum Coordinator, Gina Nelson; PWHS Principal, Dr. Jason Bacani and Assistant Principal, Steve Price; and Community Member, Linda Doll; and Nancy Aiken.

Curriculum Committee Chairman Leslie Finegold opened the meeting asking for any public comments and there were none. Dr. Liz McKeaney then welcomed Leslie Finegold as the new Curriculum Chairman and Cathy Peduzzi to the Board. Dr. McKeaney then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Dr. McKeaney shared the new Plymouth Whitemarsh Course Catalog that is being offered to students. In preparation for the 2016-2017 5x5 schedule at PWHS, she and the Curriculum Supervisors have been working collaboratively with the PWHS administration to provide focused professional development and frameworks for preparing courses and content. The process for establishing courses included a number of stakeholders, proposals, collaborative meetings, Issue Briefs, and a clear Career Pathways to support secondary course development.

Dr. Jason Bacani, Principal of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Steve Price, Assistant Principal of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School, reported on new course proposals and Issue Briefs for a variety of electives, AP and honors courses being offered at PWHS in preparation for the 2016-17 5x5 schedule changes.

Mr. Price then shared the process and timeline that has been put into place for core course revisions, elective course offerings and new course proposals and updates to be approved. The first task in course revision and new course proposals is to share out with teacher leaders and department heads during level meetings. Second is the collaboration for course revisions/updates between Curriculum Supervisor, Department Heads and building administration. All new courses go through the process of collaboration with Curriculum Supervisors, Department Heads and building administration. If approved, it is then reviewed at Curriculum Council and Curriculum Committee of the Board.

Maria Wileczek, Science Curriculum Supervisor, reported on proposed new Science Electives that are academically tiered for the upcoming 2016-2017 School Year. Some proposed courses include: Food Chemistry, Electronics, Infectious Diseases and AP Environmental Science.

Dr. McKeaney also referred to the changes made to the graduation requirements starting in the school year of 2016-17.

Opening Exercises – Policy #807

Dr. McKeaney provided a copy of the *Opening Exercises Policy #108*. She noted that the district's Opening Exercises Policy would be presented to the Board on a "first read" basis in January.

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

Discussion Items: There was no discussion items presented.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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