

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes October 12, 2009, 5:00 P.M.

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, October 12, 2009, in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Board Vice President Mrs. Sue Moore. Present were Superintendent, Dr. Vincent Cotter and Assistant Superintendent, Dr. MaryEllen Gorodetzer. Also in attendance were Dr. Monica Sullivan, Dr. Liz McKeane, Donna Gaffney, Sergio Anaya, Maria Bellino, and Marge Gramlich. Teachers in attendance included Chris McWilliams, Nancy Labricciosa, Stacy Anderson, Marianne Papparone and Jeff Yeagle.

PWHS Course Offerings 2010-11: Dr. Sullivan introduced teacher leaders who presented proposals for course changes for the 2010-11 school year:

- **CITV Courses:** Chris McWilliams proposed changing the TV I course from 20 weeks to a (.5 credit) 9 week course, expanding the curriculum for TV2 and offering a TV3 course.
- **B/IT Courses:** Nancy Labricciosa and Stacy Anderson presented proposed changes to Internship courses including a 9 week, .5 credit course which would provide more career exploration opportunities for co-op students. They also proposed creating a separate "School to Work Co-op" course for trade students, designed to provide a direct route to post-secondary employment.
- **Social Studies:** Marianne Papparone discussed proposed changes to the Social Studies Curriculum including moving U.S. History to grade 9, Global Studies to grade 10 and creating a Global Studies II class as a grade 11 option.
- **Tech Ed. Course:** Jeff Yeagle addressed proposed changes to the CSD Tech. Ed. courses which would focus on technology used for product design, communication and manufacturing.
- **World Languages Course:** Sergio Anaya recommended adding 9 week, .5 elective World Language courses designed to help students acquire skills to assist them in the work environment.
- **Calculators for Integrated Math:** Donna Gaffney, in conjunction with the Math Department Head and School Administration, proposed that high school students provide their own graphing calculators for integrated math. Students who cannot afford to purchase calculators will be able to borrow them from the District.

Middle States Accreditation for Growth: Dr. Sullivan gave a brief overview of the process for accreditation from The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. PWHS has set four objectives, mirroring those of the PW PrEP program. Dr. Sullivan will present a staff report regarding this accomplishment at the October 15th Board meeting.

Overview of CSD Student Achievement Data 2009: Dr. McKeane reported PSSA math and reading data for CSD disaggregate student groups noting their progress from 2005 through 2009. Data trends from 2005 to 2009 were very positive with students in all disaggregate groups demonstrating notable increases in achievement in both reading and math across the grade levels.

ArcelorMittal Grant: Maria Bellino discussed a one year grant from ArcelorMittal to start STEM initiatives in the Colonial School District. With Board approval, Ms. Bellino will begin the grant application process. It is likely that the Tech Ed. Department at CMS will be targeted for involvement in this grant and subsequent program implementation.

Commended Merit Scholars: Dr. Sullivan reported that the CSD School Board will recognize seven Merit Scholars from the PWHS 2010 program at the next Board Meeting. The names of the students who attained this notable achievement were shared with the Committee.

Mrs. Moore adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
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