

## Minutes

### CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, September 19, 2016

6:00 p.m.

**Board Members Present:** Charles Walters, Patricia May, Terry Grove, Remy Bonnell and Frank Ryan

**Administration Present:** Jeff Malaspino and Richard Berkley

**Others Present:** Malynda Maurer and Chris Davis from IU8, Teresa Cook, Christine Keefer, Megan Barlow, Jody Gary, Jaclyn Winters and Gerald Conn

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#### **1. Summit Schools Digital Curriculum Presentation IU8**

*IU8 gave a presentation on the Summit Schools middle school curriculum. Key points included: supporting data, common core alignment, validity and proven results, customizable feature for teacher added content. Technology demonstration consisted of a virtual tour of the student and teacher dashboards along with learning paths, progressions, assessments and grading.*

*Question and answer session followed:*

- 1. How are cognitive skills graded and by whom? All assignments have a rubric and are graded by classroom teachers.*
- 2. How does a student learn to navigate the system? The teachers will need to take time in the beginning of the year to teach this. (brief demo given)*
- 3. Is there more assessment than just the pretest? Yes, there are several to include the content assessment. And, each time a student would retest, they would see the same content but different questions.*
- 4. Is there a mentoring component? Yes. This too was briefly discussed and demonstrated.*
- 5. Which grade levels does this cover? Grades 6-12. 5<sup>th</sup> grade is currently under development.*
- 6. How are the grades weighted? Each component carries a certain weight for example, the focus area component accounts for 30% of the overall grade. Courses are also differentiated with the more difficult work receiving a higher weighted value.*
- 7. Are text books needed for support? No*
- 8. Where are the academic standards listed? With each assignment in the teacher view section.*
- 9. Is there a cost? No, the program is free. There will be a cost for staff professional development.*

*Mr. Malaspino encouraged the committee members to consider giving permission for the district to apply for the Summit Base Camp as the first toward adopting this curriculum and instruction platform.*

*Teachers present stayed to speak with the IU8 while the board members adjourned at 7:00 p.m.*

## **2. Guideline for the Keystone Exams**

*Jeff stated that the students would have to be proficient in Algebra I and the Literature Keystone exams to graduate. The state is coming out with a School Performance Profile which would replace AYP (adequate yearly progress) and be released by next fall.*

*Keystone Exams discussion: Jeff went on by stating that the exams were given in the winter of 2012, 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grade students took the Algebra I and 44% passed and will retest in May, the Literature was given to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and 66% passed and will retest in May, and the Biology was given to the 11<sup>th</sup> grade that didn't have the class and 22% passed. And our 9<sup>th</sup> graders that are taking Algebra I will take the Keystone Exam in May. Students will get three attempts of passing the exams if the student fails they go into remediation class. After three tries and the student fails the student will go into a project based assessment, which they will go back into class and retake the class for the 3<sup>rd</sup> testing. Jeff will draft changes for the upcoming handbook.*

## **3. Summer School**

*No Grant money to support. We will have Extended School Year which is determined by the students IEP, which the district pays. For the summer school the Parents would have to pay \$3000 for each course per student. Or offer the parents to pay \$200 per course with cyber schooling over the summer and must follow the policies for the cyber school.*

## **4. Book Donation to the Library from Brandy Griffith**

*All books were reviewed and found suitable and will go to the April Board meeting for approval.*

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:00 p.m.**