

Bemidji District Curriculum Advisory Committee

7:00-8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 10, 2016
District Board Room, Downtown Education Center

Committee Members Present: Ami Aalgaard, Vince Beyl, Erin Curran, Mary Fairbanks, Jim Hess, Donna Hickerson, Drew Hildenbrand, Karie Hougard, Carol L. Johnson, Maura Johnson, Amanda Mix, Kathy Palm, Ken Schreiber, Brian Stefanich, Kathy VanWert, Sonia Wadena, Janine Wahl

Guests: Leo Alberti, Tyler Kondos, Kristen McRae, Mike Ohl, Scott Peterson, Stephanie Rupp, Ashley Sands, Janet Weaver

Minutes:

1. The meeting started at 7:00 a.m. with members and guests introducing themselves.
2. The Curriculum Review chairs for art, health, music, physical education, and world language presented their reports about their review process, curriculum objectives, resource selection, and planned training. Several teachers said that their work this year in district subject-level PLCs was very helpful, and they look forward to scheduling their PLCs the same next year.
 - **Art** – Mike Ohl & Leo Alberti, Chairs – Art at the high school is growing with new classes in ceramics and graphic arts. Art teachers have aligned their objectives K-12.
 - **Health** – Scott Peterson, Kelly Schoonover, & Kate Whittington, Chairs – Elementary health selected 2nd Step curriculum to address the mental health benchmarks. The elementary decided to keep their original health materials because they meet the current health standards. The middle school and high school selected new textbooks, and their standards remained the same.
 - **Music** – Janna Carlson, Janet Weaver, & Ashley Sands, Chairs – Music outcomes stayed the same, but the teachers updated their resources since some were out of print. Elementary music teachers need clavinoas, but there are not sufficient curriculum review funds to purchase these at this time.
 - **Physical Education** – Stephanie Rupp & Tyler Kondos, Chairs – The PE teachers have aligned their outcomes to the K-12 National Physical Education Standards. They selected equipment and the Dynamic Physical Education curriculum with training planned for 2016-2017 with BSU professor Shannon Norman.
 - **World Language** – Kristen McRae, Chair – The new German and Spanish textbooks have improved when compared to the previous books. The new books provide higher level thinking, partner activities, reading, writing, listening, and culture.
3. The committee discussed the February 9, 2016 meeting minutes. We revisited the ROTC's request to assign physical education credit for their classes. Kathy explained that she contacted four high schools, and none of them allow this. Those principals expressed concerns about allowing a non-licensed PE teacher to grant physical education credit, as well as meeting the state PE Standards. We will not allow physical education credit in ROTC.

Kathy also explained Solway's Title I audit March 21, 2016 of their Continuous Improvement process. The MDE audit was positive and noted many activities that Solway is doing well. We expect that Solway will improve student MCA achievement this year and no longer be on Continuous Improvement next year.

4. Dr. Hess explained the 2016-2017 One District, One Book initiative. In the fall of 2016, the district will provide the book, *The World According to Humphrey*, which all K-5 students, teachers, parents, and nonpublic schools will read. Districts that have participated in One Book have improved their family literacy and reading scores because of this district wide emphasis on reading. Dr. Hess is asking several agencies to support this effort by helping to purchase 1,000 books.
5. Kathy shared an overview of the 2016 MCA testing. Pearson's online testing went much better this year than last. MDE is emphasizing test training and security more every year.
6. We discussed the following topics:
 - A group of alternative and high school teachers visited the Duluth Alternative and Online program April 25. They were interested in seeing how Duluth manages both alternative education and online learning to gain ideas for ways Bemidji can better meet students' needs.
 - Our district has decided to purchase the Edgenuity Online Learning Program for grades 6-12. Initially, the main usage will be for the alternative programs and high school credit recovery. By purchasing a district license, all secondary teachers will have the option to use these resources including the teacher-led videos that precedes every lesson.
 - We are preparing for the 2016 summer programs and in the process of gathering registrations. New this year we will be located at Bemidji High School because the middle school is undergoing construction of their HVAC system.
7. The following District Curriculum Advisory Committee meeting schedule is set for 2016-2017 at the District Board Room, Downtown Education Center with additional dates scheduled as needed:
 - Tuesday, October 11, 2016, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, February 14, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, May 9, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
8. The meeting adjourned at 8:10.