

Bemidji District Curriculum Advisory Committee

7:00-8:00 a.m., Tuesday, May 9, 2017
District Board Room, Downtown Education Center

Committee Members Present: Ami Aalgaard, Erin Curran, Mary Fairbanks, Jim Hess, Donna Hickerson, Drew Hildenbrand, Karie Hougard, Carol L. Johnson, Ann LongVoelkner, Amanda Mix, Kathy Palm, Jason Stanoch, Brian Stefanich, John Truedson, Kathy VanWert, Sonia Wadena

Guests: Chris Conway, Lynn Falk, Brian Hammitt, Tony Hommes, Amanda Kinnander, Jane Nord, Andy Olson, Jeff Olson, Dan Falk, Brian Olson, Jeff Ostrom, Angie Pagnac, Jodi Quade,

Minutes:

1. Members and guests introduced themselves and told where they work.
2. 2016-2017 Career & Tech. Education (CTE) Curriculum Review Committee members presented their curriculum review process. They shared the courses they teach, changes in courses for next year, curriculum objectives, resource selection, and training needed. This year we reviewed: Business, Family & Consumer Science (FACS), Health Careers, Industrial Arts, and STEM at Bemidji Middle School and Bemidji High School. On June 19, 2017, the committee members will present their curriculum objectives to the Bemidji School Board for approval.
3. We reviewed the minutes from the February 14, 2017 meeting.
4. Kathy Palm provided an overview of the 2017 MCA testing. We had 22 parent refusals for testing, two Invalidate for Device, and one Invalidate for Student actions. The results will not be final until the end of July, so she was not able to share the results so far. She will provide that at our first meeting in the fall, October 10, 2017.
5. Kathy shared MDE's feedback for Bemidji's 2015-2016 World's Best Workforce Summary Report, which was positive.
6. She also shared the summer programs planned at Bemidji Middle School, Bemidji High School, and Lincoln Elementary this summer. The Targeted Services/21st Century program for grades 1-8 already has 200 registrations, and we will stop at 240. The program runs from June 12 – July 20, four days per week with academics in the mornings. The high school 21st Century program is scheduled the same dates, and the special education Extended School Year (ESY) program is scheduled July 10-27, four days per week for three weeks.

7. Kathy also shared the latest regarding the new Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). 2017-2018 will be a transition year, and the 2018-2019 school year the full ESSA will be in place. She reported that 2017-2018 federal funding information for Title programs is delayed until the end of July.
8. The District Curriculum Advisory Committee meets at 7:00 a.m. the second Tuesday every other month and additional times as needed. The following schedule is set for 2017-2018 at the District Board Room, Downtown Education Center:
 - Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, December 12, 2017, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, February 13, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
 - Tuesday, May 8, 2018, 7:00 a.m.
9. The meeting adjourned at 8:05.