

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 20, 2021

3:00 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Michelle Cardwell, Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Keith Odums, Jessica Turner, Adam Panzer, Andrew Nikola, Art Schouten, Cristine Blake, Dan Roberto, Dave Seipp, Flip Gertler, John Lumia, John Sammon, Tara Koehler, Kristen Marino, Amy Fazio

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Dr. Michelle Cardwell.

Agenda: Professional Development and Technology Specialists presented on the work they are supporting in remote, hybrid, and in-person learning models for the 2020-2021 school year.

- Andrew Nikola – Taking Instruction to New Heights – Grab Your Boarding Pass to Professional Development Crew Heights -Overview of the Professional Development Highlights
- Go back to mission statement – “Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today.” Malcolm X
- Team effort, Board of Education and Senior Staff Administrators
- Modernizing practices & creating student experiences for now and the future. Communication, Collaboration, Critical Thinking
- WCSD Directors & Profession Development Team – organizational chart was shown
- Technology Integration into Practices – On demand learning, Curriculum lesson, design , PBL Project Based Learning, Coaching and instructional support, PD opportunities

- Dan Roberto – Technology integration to create successful learning environment for all. Making opportunities creative, collaborative, build knowledge together. Increase learning outcomes of students, pursue passions, problem solving, and critical thinking.
- 351 inservice enrollments this school year. Boot camps and twitter chats, new book study being launched, Tech Like a Pirate.
- Create access for on demand learning, video tutorials
- Digital viewing help center
- Google site of resources, templates for PBL and design thinking, K-12 curriculum lesson design and implementation
- Coaching and Instruction Support – daily meets with faculty and staff; department and grade level meetings; think tank meetings with PD staff
- Collaboration and instruction design
- Links will be shared per John Lumia’s request
- On demand support, collection of tutorials, sharing of updates, check learning apps for Ed Law 2d compliances, Evaluate the apps, share best practices in the district, push tools out to teachers/students
- Support district initiatives and programs; college fair , electives fair, remote learning manual/infographic, live streaming of athletic events, create grade events, managing of digital learning platform, hosting parent university sessions.
- Guide to google classroom – 3000 views from parents/ still refer back to it.
- 2020 Remote learning manual
- The Shark Tank – 5th grade
- Kristen Marino – Journey to new destinations with ELA – “Start by doing what’s necessary. Then do what’s possible and suddenly you are doing the impossible.” Francis of Assisi
- A multi-faceted approach; instructional support, inservice workshops, coaching for transfer, resources
- Meeting teachers’ needs to increase efficacy
- Make sure students at home have access to digital library, bookrooms
- Piloting best practices: Engagement & Feedback; Efficiency (teachers/students/parents); purposeful planning; Home-School Connection
- Tara Koehler/John Sammon Full Steam Ahead! STEAM is merely an acronym we use to organize our curiosity.

- Crossing the Curriculum; differentiating instruction; targeting assessments; technology and the content areas; workshop models
- Targeting destinations STEAM units for any environment; project based learning (makes learning equitable for students) ; voice, choice and mathematics; HOT Math
- 2nd grade and 4th grade collaboration; student voices: Memorializing Life During a Pandemic
- Multisensory playground designed by 2nd graders and high school students built
- Great Ideas! Real world projects to make it meaningful for students
- Flip Gertler – WCSD BOE and COS – PD specialists are models for the future
- John Lumia – would like it presented to BOE meeting
- Present to it the community, we are improving throughout COVID
- Adam Panzer: Added STEAM expo piece to science fair – create avenues to broadcast to community – virtual steam event for the Spring

Next meeting will be on 2/10/21

The meeting ended at 4:15 p.m.