

## Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 21, 2020

3:00 p.m.

### Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Michelle Cardwell, John Lumia, Peggy Kelland, Linda Rappaport, Jessica Turner, Flip Gertler, Ray Koretsky, Amy Fazio, Dave Seipp, Adam Panzer

The meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m. by Dr. Michelle Cardwell.

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Topics of discussion: Overview of Resources used in K-12 ELA/SS/Math/Science; Cultural Responsiveness Pedagogy; Future Curriculum Committee Meeting agenda items

- Jessica Turner, new to 7-12 ELA/SS, said they are in the process of gathering materials for secondary grades. K-6 ELA/SS is in a great place with an abundance of resources. Over the summer, virtual resources, Teacher's College, Reading, Writing, and Phonics were purchased. Student and parent video resources are also available. Online training for teachers is available, CSTs, LLI for students online.
- Looking into Grades 6-12 Myon
- Art Schouten purchased digital library books
- Librarians are working with the ELA teachers
- Students in AP classes have access to Ebooks
- The Big Read event was a success for grades K-12
- K-6 Teachers can send links through Google classroom to parents to access information on the programs.
- Adam Panzer gave a synopsis of the resources and curriculum to support hybrid/remote learning for K-12 math and science.

- K--6 Math: Purchased Greg Tang online. Math journaling connects math and ELA. PD specialists John Sammon and Tara Koehler support the math teachers. Other K-6 math resources are Math in Focus and Engage NY modules
- Ray Koretsky: 9-12 chromebooks emulate what calculators look like/extension of smartphone.
- K-6 using Science 21. John Sammon and Tara Koehler are adapting the entire website to the needs of the students and teachers.
- 7-12 Science, big push for virtual lab experiences. BOCES will assist in converting labs to virtual.
- Math 7-12 - Calculator issues are being addressed. Free license from Texas Instruments on calculator software for a smartphone or chrome book.
- In good shape with secondary math resources. Very few complaints from parents/students.
- Dr. Cardwell presented a link: WCSD Leading & Learning Together. Click on science to access virtual STEAM units.
- Adam Panzer: The work of Sammon and Koehler is invaluable.
- Adam Panzer: More STEAM programs would be great.
- Amy Fazio: Andrew Nikolla and Dan Roberto did invaluable work that “saved” us in the Spring.
- Entire PD Team along with Art Schouten created a Google Classroom to provide additional resources and inservice opportunities.
- Peggy Kelland requested links. Dr. Cardwell will add links to the Curriculum Committee shared folder.
- Culturally Responsive Curriculum and Pedagogy: Make sure our curriculum supports students' cultures.
- Dedicate one or two Curriculum Committee meetings to review what has been done and what needs to be done.
- Are there programs for different grade levels separate from our curriculum? No specific programs, but interwoven throughout the curriculum.
- Jessica Turner: Culturally responsive books have been purchased in primary levels. Grades 4-6 teachers had culturally responsive training. L. Ruiz started work with Rhapsody in Black and J. Turner will continue the work.
- NYS put out a framework that identifies several areas for culturally responsive practices: 1) Hiring practices; 2) Materials; 3) Environment of school buildings.

HR should form Hiring Committee; every school building should have a Culturally Responsive School Building Committee to ensure a welcoming/affirming environment.

- John Lumia: Not every building has the same challenges.
- Peggy Kelland: Policy Committee - there are optional policies. L. Ruiz chaired a district committee. John Jay also had a committee.
- Per the last BOE meeting: Micah Jumpp will be invited to the next Curriculum Committee meeting to get feedback aligned with next steps.
- Next Curriculum meeting will be on 11/4 at 3 PM.
- Dr. Cardwell adjourned the Curriculum Committee meeting at 3:47 p.m.