

**FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

-- BOARD ROOM, 520 FIFTH AVENUE --

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2015

5:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order – Sean Rice
2. Roll Call

Paula Addis	Earnest Kincade
Christina Carlson	Svetlana Nuss
Octavia Harris	Earl Peterson
Felicia Jackson	Fé Seymour
Dr. Ute Kaden	John Williams
Aldean Kilbourn	Dr. Heather Willis

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Recommend approval of the meeting agenda of September 3, 2015

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Recommend approval of the meeting minutes of April 23, 2015

D. CURRICULUM DEPARTMENT

- Transformation

E. CURRICULUM UPDATES

- Science
- Health
- Physical Education

F. CHALLENGING COURSES UPDATE

G. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

BCAC Meetings

October 1, 2015

November 5, 2015

January 7, 2016

February 4, 2016

March 3, 2016

April 7, 2016

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Board of Education
Curriculum Advisory Committee**

Minutes of April 23, 2015

Mrs. P. Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Room 426, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska. Seeing no Quorum, the meeting continued for informational purposes only. As members continued to arrive, a quorum was established and the meeting was officially called to order at 5:39 p.m.

Members Present:

Paula Addis	Svetlana Nuss
Christina Carlson	Earl Peterson
Octavia Harris	Fé Seymour
Felicia Jackson	Eryn Tanner

Members Absent:

Dr. Ute Kaden (excused)
Earnest Kincade (excused)
John Williams
Dr. Heather Willis (excused)

Staff:

Peggy Carlson
Kimberly Gatto

Guests:

Michelle Daml	Alica Unruh
Margaret Salisbury	Holly Cervin

CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) ^(0.17)

Mrs. P. Carlson reported on the informational report for the CTE adoption, which was presented to the Board on April 21, 2015. The District is requesting the following courses be adopted:

Middle School Cluster

Career Explorations
Computer Essentials
Exploring Computer Applications

Information Technology Cluster

Mobile Apps 1A/1B
Modern Electronics 1A/1B
Networking 1A/1B, 2A/2B

Mrs. P. Carlson presented the BCAC's recommendation memo to adopt the CTE revision. Discussion ensued.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA ^(6.34)

Mrs. P. Carlson requested to amend the agenda by correcting Item E, English Language Arts, to read *BCAC Recommendation of 7-8 Textbooks/Materials Adoption*, instead of 7-12.

Mr. Peterson moved, Mrs. Harris seconded, to accept the April 23, 2015 agenda as amended; hearing no objections, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES ^(7.34)

Ms. Seymour moved, Ms. C. Carlson seconded, to accept the April 2, 2015 minutes as submitted; hearing no objections, motion carried.

ENGLISH/LANGUAGE ARTS (ELA) (10.12)

Mrs. P. Carlson reported that the district plan was to adopt and purchase ELA materials for grades 7-12, but due to budget concerns and the lack of teacher review of 9-12 materials, it was decided to move forward with the 7-8 materials this year and wait on 9-12 materials until the following year.

The programs that were reviewed were *Collections* by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, *Study Sync* by McGraw-Hill Education, and *Common Core Lit* by Pearson. Mrs. P. Carlson said that after the review, it was decided to move *Study Sync* forward for adoption. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. P. Carlson reported that teachers have the opportunity to take an *Exploring the Canon* course over the summer, where they review and approve numerous novels and literature pieces to add to the ELA Supplemental Reading List. The District will look at replenishing these approved supplemental reading texts for the classroom, if funding is available. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peterson moved, Mrs. Jackson seconded, to recommend the 7-12 ELA materials for adoption. Motion carried by roll call vote, with 1 Nay (Nuss), and 7 Ayes (Addis, Carlson, Harris, Jackson, Peterson, Seymour, Tanner).

CHALLENGED COURSES (1.22.05)

Ms. Salisbury reported that writers for ELA, Math, Social Studies, and World Languages have met and worked on the Challenged Course exams. Science writers are due to meet and begin work on Friday, April 22, 2015. The District is also seeking guidance from the Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) for a list of approved online providers for alternative exams to review. Discussion ensued.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW (1.32.17)

Mrs. P. Carlson reported that revisions for Science, Physical Education, and Health would begin in the summer of 2015.

She also reported that in 2015-2016, the District would start the review of the Art curriculum and looking at reviewing materials for World History, Recent U.S. History, and 9-12 ELA.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS (1.34.39)

Mrs. Seymour said that the BCAC is a great committee.

Mrs. Nuss invited members to contact her for additional information on the Common Core.

Mrs. P. Carlson presented a certificate of appreciation to Ms. Tanner, and thanked her for her service and contributions to the committee. Ms. Tanner said she learned a lot from sitting on the committee. She said it was an honor working with the members.

Mr. Peterson acknowledged Mrs. P. Carlson's pending retirement and thanked her for her years of service to the District. The committee agreed that she would be missed.

ADJOURNMENT (1.39.00)

Mr. Peterson moved, Ms. C. Carlson seconded, to adjourn the meeting; hearing no objections, meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Note: To differentiate between Peggy Carlson and Christina Carlson, Peggy Carlson will be referred to as Mrs. P. Carlson and Christina Carlson will be referred to as Ms. C. Carlson.