

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Board of Education
Curriculum Advisory Committee
Minutes of: November 5, 2015**

Mrs. Daml called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Curriculum Library, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Members Present:

Paula Addis	Aldean Kilbourn
Christina Carlson	Earnest Kincade
Octavia Harris	Svetlana Nuss
Feilica Jackson	Earl Peterson

Members Absent:

Lyndzie Carter (excused)
Wendy Dominique (excused)
Dr. Ute Kaden (absent)
Fé Seymour (excused)
Dr. Heather Willis (excused)

Staff Present:

Michelle Daml	Melanie Hadaway
Kimberly Gatto	

Guests:

Sandy Kowalski

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Kilbourn moved to accept the November 5, 2015 agenda as submitted; Mrs. Carlson seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Nuss moved to accept the minutes for the September 3, 2015 meeting as submitted; Mrs. Kilbourn seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

CURRICULA UPDATES

Mrs. Daml presented a PowerPoint of the Science, Physical Education, and Health Curricula, which included background of the revision process, a short video explaining the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), and how the Math, Science, and English Language practices are being integrated throughout the revision. She reported that Draft Two of each curriculum has been sent out for public comment. Revisers will be meeting next week to review the comments received and continue revising the documents. Draft Three is expected to be complete and sent out for public comment in December. Discussion ensued.

DODGEBALL UPDATE

Mrs. Daml reported on the May 20, 2015 memo regarding dodgeball guidelines. She explained that the Superintendent requested the committee review and discuss the guidelines submitted by the Society of Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE) and recommendations of the Fairbanks North Star Borough's Risk Management and the Health/PE Content Leadership Team, in which schools within the district refrain from participating in human target-type games. The district is proposing that any dodgeball, or variations of dodgeball, would be played with voluntary student participation, only soft foam balls and protective equipment be used (as necessary and appropriate), and no hitting above the shoulder. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Kilbourn: *“The district expects students to know key skills within the curriculum, but students are not learning these skills. How are students going to learn these skills and who is to teach them?”*

Ms. Seymour (via email): *“In my memory, dodgeball was one of the few level playing fields where boys and girls were equally triumphant and/or bruised. I was good at it and therefore the bias. Sports in school can be potentially dangerous. In cheerleading, the flyer is always at risk, as are the base positions. Basketball, soccer, wrestling, and cross country skiing all carry risk of injury. I believe football is at the top of the list. Let dodgeball stay in school; it is a classic game and much safer than many other sports children play in school.”*

Ms. Carter (via email): *“I feel that we should be able to keep dodgeball in our schools. We play a lot more dangerous sports in gym class like softball, basketball, lacrosse, etc. Playing any sport, you risk some some kind of injury, but dodgeball contains a less likely risk of getting injured, so we should keep it in our schools.”*

Dr. Willis (via email): *“I love dodgeball and I feel strongly about keeping this and other classic physical education games in our schools. I don't care what they call it, but I'd like them to keep it. Whoever opposes it would have to show me very convincing data on the number of injuries caused by dodgeball compared to every other sport or PE game played in the nation.”*

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Addis moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Harris seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:08 p.m.