

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

Minutes of: January 7, 2016

Mrs. Daml called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Members Present:

Paula Addis	Earnest Kincade
Christina Carlson	Svetlana Nuss
Octavia Harris	Earl Peterson
Sharon Hildebrand	Autumn Pryor
Felicia Jackson	<i>(Sub for Lyndzie Carter)</i>
Aldean Kilbourn	Dr. Heather Willis

Members Absent:

Richard Boone (excused)
Lyndzie Carter (excused)
Wendy Dominique (excused)
Dr. Ute Kaden (absent)
Fe Seymour (excused)

Staff Present:

Michelle Daml	Melanie Hadaway
Kimberly Gatto	

Guests:

Mrs. Pryor

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Jackson moved to accept the January 7, 2016 agenda as submitted; Mr. Kincade seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the minutes for the November 5, 2015 meeting as submitted; Mrs. Addis seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

CURRICULA UPDATES

Mrs. Hadaway explained the curriculum revision process. The State of Alaska requires the district to perform a thorough curriculum revision and review every six years. This year, the district is revising Science, Health, and Physical Education (P.E.). Once the revision process is complete, the final draft is brought to the Board Curriculum Advisory Committee (BCAC) to decide if the curriculum will move forward to the Board of Education for adoption.

Mrs. Daml gave a brief report on the current curricula revisions. Draft three of the Science Curriculum is currently out for public review and comments are being received. Drafts three of the Health and P.E. curricula are anticipated to go out soon for public review and comment. Discussion ensued.

STRATEGY PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Hadaway reported on the district's Strategic Plan, including looking into a K-8 school model and navigating a plan to provide online classes (e-Learning) at the schools with no cost to the students. This would provide an opportunity to students for credit recovery and/or additional options that may not be available at their school. Another idea that the district is discussing is staggering the teacher's workday. At this time, high school students have six periods, but the staggering option would allow students the opportunity to take an extra class for seven periods.

Mrs. Hadaway reported on the Superintendent's decision to disband the Content Leadership Teams and create one team to review and discuss all content areas. The team members would include, teachers, administrators, community members, etc. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Hildebrand appreciated hearing everyone's comments. She is looking forward to learning more about the committee.

Mrs. Harris appreciates the Strategic Plan update, especially about the e-Learning pilot. It looks like the district is moving towards being more agile in providing instruction to students, which is really necessary because we are in the 21st century and are so globally inter-connected.

Mrs. Addis said that teachers have commented to her that millions of dollars of materials are not needed in the elementary schools at this time. She wanted to express their opinions to the committee.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Hildebrand moved to adjourn the meeting; Mrs. Addis seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.