

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

Minutes of: February 4, 2016

Mrs. Hadaway called the meeting to order at 5:41 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Members Present:

Richard Boone	Earnest Kincade
Wendy Dominique	Svetlana Nuss
Octavia Harris	Autumn Pryor
Sharon Hildebrand	Fe Seymour
Felicia Jackson	Dr. Heather Willis

Members Absent:

Paula Addis (excused)
Christina Carlson (excused)
Dr. Ute Kaden (absent)
Aldean Kilbourn (excused)
Earl Peterson (excused)

Staff Present:

Michelle Daml	Melanie Hadaway
Kimberly Gatto	Kathy Port

Guests:

INTRODUCTIONS

Mrs. Dominique began introductions around the room.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Dr. Willis moved to accept the February 4, 2016 agenda as submitted; Ms. Seymour 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 January 7, 2016 meeting as submitted; Mrs. Harris seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

CANVAS DEMONSTRATION

Mrs. Port gave a demonstration on the district's new learning management system, Canvas. Canvas has is a user-friendly online site that easily connects teachers and students both in and out of the classroom. It includes managing enrollments, sharing documents, submitting assignments, assigning grades, and other personalized features for individual students. Discussion Ensued.

Mrs. Port reported on the district's BYOD pilot program being held at Tanana Middle School for the 2015-2016 school year. BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) allows students to bring and use their own personal electronic device (e.g., tablet, laptop, smartphone) to school in order to access and save information from the Internet, collaborate with other learners, and utilize the productivity tools, such as Google Drive, that are available to them. Discussion ensued.

CURRICULA UPDATE

Mrs. Daml reported that revisers are scheduled to work on finalizing the Science Curriculum document, as well as review and address the comments received from the draft three public review. The final draft

(draft four) is scheduled for review at the March 3rd BCAC meeting, where a recommendation for adoption will be requested.

The Health and Physical Education curricula revisers will meet in March and the final drafts will be presented to the committee for review and recommendation at the April 7th BCAC meeting.

Mrs. Daml reported that requests for Science and Health textbooks and materials have been made to a variety of publishers and a public review will be scheduled in March. She said that teachers have shown more interest in supplement materials than textbooks.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Pryor says her school, Ben Eielson Jr/Sr High School, supports students to bring their own devices.

Ms. Seymour says there is excellent work being done and Mrs. Port's demonstration was also excellent.

Mr. Kincade appreciates the information on the BYOD program.

Mrs. Hildebrand likes the programs available through the school district. Her family utilizes them often. She is looking forward to the implementation of the BYOD program in other schools.

Mrs. Nuss appreciates the district's communication network with colleagues, parents, and students.

Mrs. Harris is happy for the opportunity to expand the BYOD program, and as a parent, would like to offer her help if needed.

Dr. Willis likes Canvas.

Mrs. Dominique said that Canvas was a difficult start for teachers because they were allowed to do what works for them. Now the district is requesting that everyone be on the same page and utilize the program and it's been a struggle.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Jackson moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Kincade seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.