

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

-- BOARD ROOM, 520 FIFTH AVENUE --

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2016

5:30 P.M.

A G E N D A

A. PRELIMINARIES

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

Paula Addis	Felicia Jackson	Earl Peterson
Christina Carlson	Dr. Ute Kaden	Autumn Pryor
Joe Dallaire	Aldean Kilbourn	Fe Seymour
Wendy Dominique	Earnest Kincade	Dr. Heather Willis
Sharon Hildebrand	Svetlana Nuss	

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Recommend approval of the meeting agenda of October 6, 2016

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Recommend approval of the meeting minutes of March 3, 2016

C. CURRICULUM REVISIONS

- Art Curriculum
- Music Curriculum

D. HB 156

- Approval Process for materials related to sexual education

E. FUTURE REVISIONS

- Career & Technical Education (CTE)

F. OTHER

- Future topics/ideas for the committee

G. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

H. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

BCAC Meetings

November 3, 2016 – Board Room

December 1, 2016 – Board Room

January 5, 2016 – Board Room

February 2, 2016 – Board Room

March 2, 2016 – Board Room

April 6, 2016 – Board Room

April 13, 2016 – Curriculum Library (4th floor)

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

Minutes of: March 3, 2016

Mrs. Dominique called the meeting to order at 5:39 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Members Present:

Paula Addis Earl Peterson
Richard Boone Autumn Pryor
Wendy Dominique Fe Seymour
Octavia Harris Dr. Heather Willis
Sharon Hildebrand

Members Absent:

Christina Carlson (excused)
Felicia Jackson (excused)
Dr. Ute Kaden (excused)
Aldean Kilbourn (excused)
Earnest Kincade (excused)
Svetlana Nuss (excused)

Staff Present:

Michelle Daml Melanie Hadaway
Kimberly Gatto

Guests:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mr. Peterson moved to accept the March 3, 2016 agenda as submitted; Ms. Seymour seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Harris moved to accept the minutes for the February 4, 2016 meeting as submitted; Ms. Pryor seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

SCIENCE CURRICULUM

Mrs. Hadaway presented the final draft of the K-12 Science Curriculum revision and reviewed the revision process. She said that the BCAC is being asked to approve and recommend the K-12 Science Curriculum to move forward to the School Board for adoption. Mrs. Daml spearheaded the revision and was available for questions. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peterson moved to recommend the Science Curriculum to move forward to the School Board for adoption; Ms. Seymour seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

CURRICULA UPDATE

Mrs. Hadaway reported that the Health and Physical Education Curricula will be brought to the committee for review at the April 7th BCAC meeting, and recommendations for adoption will be requested. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Hadaway reported on the Textbooks/Materials Review for Science, Health, and Social Studies. Public Review is scheduled for March 30 – 31, 7:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Teachers are invited to review the materials throughout the week of March 28 – April 1, 8 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Harris is glad to see there is an alignment of the NGSS and Alaska State Standards in the Science Curriculum. It is a step in the right direction. She knows that everything that may be wanted is not included in the language, but it is a good combination. It's a shame that curriculum is a business to publishing companies, instead of an investment. She knows that there is no easy answer, but she recognizes that it is valid for students to need textbooks. At one time, her child was home-schooled through a virtual academy and they required students to have textbooks. She has also been a student with an online learning environment and she always need hard copies of textbooks as well. She would definitely say that it (textbooks) is a necessity. She hopes that there is value seen in that so that when the time comes, the district is able to buy the textbooks that are needed.

Mr. Peterson is disappointed that the district doesn't have the courage to put human evolution in the curriculum. He thinks that in this day and age, it's almost cowardness. Who is going to lead the way, if not for the schools? He thinks that this document (Science Curriculum) could have been the start to address that (human evolution). He understands the societal pressures that some elements bring to bare, but as my colleague has pointed out, if it is not an issue in Science, the put it in here (Science Curriculum).

Ms. Seymour reported on the Academic Decathlon which took place last weekend. She suggested that a Board Member should volunteer for the event every year. Everyone in the education field should see what happens at this event. If there was ever an injection of hope, joy, and miraculous happenings, it would be found at the Academic Decathlon. The International Decathlon is coming to Anchorage on April 28-30, and she encourages anyone who can participate, to do so. It is one of the most rewarding things she has seen in her life.

ADJOURNMENT:

Dr. Willis moved to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Boone seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.