

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

-- CURRICULUM LIBRARY (4TH FLOOR), 520 FIFTH AVENUE --

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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
Joe Dallaire	Dr. Ute Kaden	Autumn Pryor
Wendy Dominique	Earnest Kincade	Fe Seymour
Sharon Hildebrand	Svetlana Nuss	Dr. Heather Willis

A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Recommend approval of the meeting agenda of December 8, 2016

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

C. CURRICULUM REVISIONS

- Art Curriculum Review
- Music Curriculum Review

D. ITT/LIBRARY MEDIA SERVICES (LMS) UPDATE

- Canvas
- MediaCAST

E. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

F. ADJOURNMENT

Upcoming Meetings

BCAC Meetings

December 8, 2016 – Curriculum Lby (4th Flr)
January 5, 2016 – Board Room
February 2, 2016 – Board Room

March 2, 2016 – Board Room
April 6, 2016 – Board Room
April 13, 2016 – Curriculum Lby (4th Flr)

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

Minutes of: October 6, 2016

Mrs. Hadaway called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

Members Present:

Christina Carlson Svetlana Nuss
Sharon Hildebrand Earl Peterson
Felicia Jackson Fe Seymour
Earnest Kincade Dr. Heather Willis

Members Excused:

Paula Addis Aldean Kilbourn
Joe Dallaire Autumn Pryor
Wendy Dominique
Dr. Ute Kaden

Staff Present:

Michelle Daml Melanie Hadaway
Kimberly Gatto

Guests:

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Mrs. Hildebrand moved to accept the October 6, 2016 agenda as submitted; Ms. Seymour seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Hildebrand moved to accept the minutes for the March 3, 2016 meeting as submitted; Dr. Willis seconded. With all in agreement and no further comments, the motion was approved.

CURRICULA REVISIONS

Mrs. Daml said a selection of art and music teachers (revisers) met in June to begin the Art and Music Curricula revision. At the August Inservice, draft one of the curricula were presented and discussed with other District art and music teachers. Revisers met again in September for additional edits to make draft two of the curricula, which is currently out for public comment until October 14th. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Seymour noticed that the music curriculum was western-centric in the beginning content. She suggested the importance of expanding the variety of music genres earlier in students' learning. Discussion ensued.

HB 156

Mrs. Hadaway reported that in July, the State passed House Bill 156, which requires supplemental materials used for sex education be processed through public review and approved by the school board. It also requires a review and approval for all presenters and speakers that would be invited to the classroom to present on sex education content. The Department of Teaching & Learning reached out to District health teachers and the Public Health Department to collect their current materials and information use for sex education. The materials are currently out for public review and comment until October 7th. A report will be given to the school board in late October. Discussion ensued.

FUTURE REVISIONS

Mrs. Hadaway reported that there will be a few Career & Technical Education (CTE) courses that will be revised and eventually brought to the committee for review and approval. Currently, the Department of Teaching & Learning is working with the CTE Director Daniel Domke on the Work-Based Learning (WBL) courses. Discussion ensued.

OTHER

Mrs. Hadaway extended an opportunity to the committee to suggest topics that were of interest to them that they would like to be brought forward for discussion in future meetings (e.g., curriculum, instruction, technology). Discussion ensued.

Mrs. Nuss said she would like to know more about professional development for teachers and technology. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Peterson would like to look at extra-curricular activities that involve more of core content, so that a connection is made between curriculum and activities. (e.g., Math Counts, homework club, yearbook club, Spanish club). It's important to concurrently keep kids engaged while benefiting them academically. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Mrs. Hildebrand said she thinks the Extended Learning Program (ELP) is a great program. Her son is in the program and she thinks there is a correlation between being involved in school and other activities has made him obsess over his grades. She also appreciates that the District is incorporating different learning styles. She will be involved with the First Alaskans Institute during the Alaska Federation of Natives Conference (AFN) and hoped the District would be participating.

Mr. Peterson believes that grade obsessiveness is more of a current generation-thing. The shift to grade consciousness is probably taking place in our society as a whole because we are so results-driven. It doesn't help that parents perpetuate that by obsessing about grades and if assignments are done. It put pressure on kids and on teachers.

Ms. Seymour mentioned that International Friendship Day is on October 15th at Pioneer Park.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Nuss moved to adjourn the meeting; Dr. Willis seconded. With no further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.