

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District  
Curriculum Advisory Committee**

**Minutes of April 19, 2018**

Mrs. Hadaway called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Curriculum Library, 520 Fifth Avenue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

**Members Present:**

Paula Addis	Sharon Hildebrand	Melanie Hadaway
Kyra Aizstrauts	Earnest Kincade	
Tara DeVaughn	Earl Peterson	

**Members Excused:**

Dr. Leah Berman Williams	Allyson Nicholson	Timothy Doran
Oscar Beausoleil	Dr. Heather Willis	

**Members Absent:**

Dr. Obadare Awoleke	Svetlana Nuss
Joe Dallaire	Fé Seymour

**Staff Present:**

Jennifer Morgan

**Guests Present:**

Dr. April Scott

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

Mr. Kincade moved to accept the April 19, 2018, agenda; Ms. DeVaughn seconded. Hearing no objections or comment, the motion was approved.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Members reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Ms. Hildebrand moved to accept the April 5, 2018, minutes; Mr. Kincade seconded. Mr. Peterson proposed amending the minutes to include a list of members excused from the previous meeting. A high number of absences from meetings is grounds for removal from the committee, and he notify the committee in advance of his planned absence from the April 5 meeting. The proposal was to amend the minutes to distinguish between members absent and members excused. Hearing no further comment or objection, the April 5, 2018 minutes were approved as amended.

**WORLD LANGUAGE CURRICULUM**

**Recommend Approval of the World Language Curriculum**

Dr. Scott went over the changes to the fourth draft, which included changing the title of the national standards to World Readiness Standards for Learning Languages and updating the terminology used in the curriculum. A column containing the national standards was added to the Ongoing Learner Goals. Also, the opportunity for middle school students to take level one world language courses, dependent upon school staffing, was added to the curriculum.

Mrs. Hadaway pointed out the curriculum includes several statements to show that if a school would like to offer a world language course not listed in the curriculum, they may do so through the pilot course process. An example of this is Russian, which was removed from the curriculum due to multiple writing/grammatical errors in Russian, but may be available to schools in the future through the pilot course process.

**Ms. DeVaughn moved to approve the recommendation of the World Language Curriculum for adoption by the School Board; Ms. Hildebrand seconded. Hearing no objection or further comment, the motion was approved.**

## **Recommendation Memo to the School Board**

Ms. Aizstrauts moved to discuss the option of sending a recommendation memo to the School Board; Ms. DeVaughn seconded. A draft recommendation memo was provided for members to look over; it contained standard language, such as the research component and a list of groups who reviewed the proposed curriculum.

Mrs. Hadaway expressed appreciation for the committee's support and stated a memo to the Board shows the committee, whose members are so engaged, was involved in the process. She also shared that the FNSBSD curriculum is used and looked to as example curriculum by other school districts.

Ms. Hildebrand agreed with the recommendation memo and stated it is comprehensive.

Mr. Peterson proposed amending the recommendation memo to remove the letter "s" from the word "workforces" on the third bullet point of the fourth paragraph. **Hearing no objection or further comment, the motion was approved as amended.**

## **GENERAL COMMENTS/ QUESTIONS**

Mrs. Hadaway reminded members of the open application period for the 2018-2019 Curriculum Advisory Committee membership, and asked current members to spread the word. She also mentioned that in the new curriculum revision process she would like to get community input early in the process.

Ms. Aizstrauts remarked that it has been a pleasure to meet everyone on the committee.

Ms. Hildebrand informed the committee she is working on a civic engagement piece to incorporate ANCSA (Alaska Native Claim Settlement Act) in education in schools. She stated that most people are unfamiliar with ANCSA, and she is looking forward to finding a way to work with the district on this. She also mentioned that a larger piece of this is engaging Alaska Natives and the 19-39 year-old population, letting them know their voice matters, and encouraging them to vote. Mrs. Hadaway mentioned there may be an opportunity to partner with Kids Voting. Dr. Scott, who is on the Kids Voting Interior Alaska Board, informed the committee that a representative has already brought this topic to the attention of the Kids Voting Board.

Mr. Peterson stated he will turn in his CAC application.

Mrs. Hadaway thanked the committee for all their work and participation this year. She wished everyone a wonderful summer and end of the school year.

Dr. Scott expressed appreciation to the committee for their help in the editing process. The curriculum is often looked at multiple times by the same people, and small mistakes, such as typos or grammatical errors, can be overlooked in such a large document. She really appreciates their help.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kincade moved to adjourn the meeting; Ms. Addis seconded. Hearing no objections or further comment, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.