

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

**Minutes of February 5, 2015**

Mrs. P. Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska.

**Members Present:**

Christina Carlson      Svetlana Nuss  
Octavia Harris        Fé Seymour  
Dr. Ute Kaden         Eryn Tanner  
Earnest Kincade

**Members Absent:**

Paula Addis (excused)  
Felicia Jackson (excused)  
Earl Peterson (excused)  
Sean Rice  
John Williams  
Dr. Heather Willis (excused)

**Staff:**

Peggy Carlson  
Kimberly Gatto

**Guests:**

Michelle Daml  
Margaret Salisbury  
Alica Unruh

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA** (0.48)

Ms. C. Carlson moved, Mrs. Harris seconded, to accept the February 5, 2015 agenda as submitted; hearing no objections, motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** (1.18)

Ms. Seymour moved, Dr. Kaden seconded, to accept the January 8, 2015 minutes as submitted; hearing no objections, motion carried.

**9-12 MATH BOARD REPORT UPDATE** (2.56)

Mrs. P. Carlson spoke of the 9-12 Mathematics Board Report presented to the Board of Education at the February 3, 2015 meeting. The BCAC's Letter of Recommendation for Adoption will be presented at the School Board meeting on February 17, 2015. Svetlana Nuss and Fe Seymour expressed interest in presenting the recommendation to the Board of Education at the meeting. Discussion ensued.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT UPDATE** (4.42)

Mrs. Unruh reported on upcoming training opportunities that are available to the district, including Differentiated Instruction (K-12), Reach for the Stars (Space Foundation), SLOs (Student Learning Objectives), and various ASDN webinars (Alaska Staff Development Network). Discussion ensued.

**SPACE FOUNDATION UPDATE** (10.58)

Mrs. Daml reported that the Space Foundation is returning to Fairbanks for a third year. Several space educators and an astronaut will be presenting to students throughout various schools in the district. She said there would also be three community outreach events and a special workshop available for teachers. Discussion ensued.

*Note: To differentiate between Peggy Carlson and Christina Carlson, Peggy Carlson will be referred to as Mrs. P. Carlson and Christina Carlson will be referred to as Ms. C. Carlson.*

**SCIENCE UPDATE** (17.56)

Mrs. Daml reported on the Science Curriculum Revision process. She said the revision is expected to begin in the summer of 2015. Currently, the Science Leadership Team is reviewing the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and considering a recommendation for the district to adopt and align these standards with the new curriculum. A PowerPoint presentation on the NGSS was given. Discussion ensued.

**9-12 MATH MATERIALS REVIEW** (39.06)

Ms. Salisbury reported that the district is currently piloting 9-12 Math Materials for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II. The publishers of the math materials are Pearson, Glencoe, and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. The pilot began in January and will take a minimum of 6 to 9 weeks to complete. Afterwards, a survey will be distributed to the teachers, students, and parents that participated in the pilot. Teachers that are not part of the pilot will be invited to review the materials, as well as the general public on March 4th-5th. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. P. Carlson invited the committee to stay after the adjournment to review and comment on the math pilot materials that were on display in the Board Room.

**COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT** (59.14)

Mrs. Nuss moved, Dr. Kaden seconded, to adjourn the meeting; hearing no objection, meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.