

**Fairbanks North Star Borough School District
Board of Education
Curriculum Advisory Committee
Minutes of January 8, 2015**

Mrs. P. Carlson attempted to call the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Center, Board Room, 520 Fifth Ave., Fairbanks, Alaska. Seeing no quorum, the meeting continued for informational purposes only, until which time a quorum could be assembled and the meeting officially called to order.

Members Present:

Paula Addis	Earl Peterson
Christina Carlson	Fé Seymour
Felicia Jackson	Eryn Tanner
Earnest Kincade	Dr. Heather Willis
Svetlana Nuss	

Members Excused:

Octavia Harris
Dr. Ute Kaden
Sean Rice
John Williams

Staff:

Peggy Carlson
Kimberly Gatto

Guests:

Shaun Kraska	Kathy Port
Tanya Mendelowitz	Alica Unruh
Katie Sanders	

LIVE HOMEWORK HELP (.01)

Mrs. Sanders, Director of Library Media Services, presented a wide array of resources available to K-12 students, parents, and teachers that can be used for a variety of educational needs. Some examples include:

- *Live Homework Help* (tutor.com) offers free online help from real tutors for Alaskan students in grades K-12, seven days a week.
- *Brain Pop* creates animated, curricular content that engages students, supports educators, and bolsters achievement. Its characters help introduce new topics and illustrate complex concepts.
- *Mango Languages* is a web-based and remotely accessible digital language learning resource site.
- *NoveList Plus* is a database of reading recommendations for both fiction and nonfiction, including book reviews, series information, and connections to standards.
- *StarWalk Kids Media* is a collection of e-books with unlimited simultaneous access that has been expertly adapted and professionally narrated.

ROLL CALL (58.20)

Mrs. P. Carlson requested for Mrs. Gatto to call roll. Seeing that a quorum was met, the meeting was called officially to order at 6:12 p.m.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA (37.23)

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (37.42)

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

9-12 MATH CURRICULUM REVISION (54.0)

Mrs. P. Carlson presented the first draft of the BCAC's Recommendation Memo for the adoption of the 9-12 Math Curriculum. Discussion ensued.

Mrs. P. Carlson asked for member comments and approval of the Recommendation Memo. Ms. Seymour commented that the letter was concise and well written.

Ms. Seymour moved, Mrs. Nuss seconded, to approve the Recommendation Memo for the adoption of the 9-12 Math Curriculum as submitted; hearing no objections, motion carried.

Mrs. P. Carlson reported that the Math Materials Pilot has begun. There are six to eight pilot teachers at each course level of Algebra I, Algebra II, and Geometry. There are three different programs, Pearson, Glencoe and Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, which are being piloted. She said the district would issue a survey to all participating teachers, students, and parents, when the materials pilot is complete. Additionally, math teachers will be invited to review materials the week of March 2, 2015.

HEALTH/PE UPDATE (1.01.35)

Mrs. P. Carlson reported that the Health/PE Leadership Team met in December and began an initial review of the curriculum. She explained the process of a curriculum revision. Discussion ensued.

CHALLENGING COURSES FOR CREDIT (1.05.50)

Mrs. P. Carlson reported on a new state statute that was adopted last summer. The goal is to create opportunities for students to challenge core courses (Math, English, Science, Social Studies and World Languages) for credit. The district is currently working on the assessment piece and the implementation process. Discussion ensued.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS (1.30.09)

None.

ADJOURNMENT (1.36.08)

Mr. Peterson moved, Mr. Kincade seconded, to adjourn the meeting; hearing no objection, meeting was adjourned at 7:12 p.m.