



Curriculum Committee Minutes

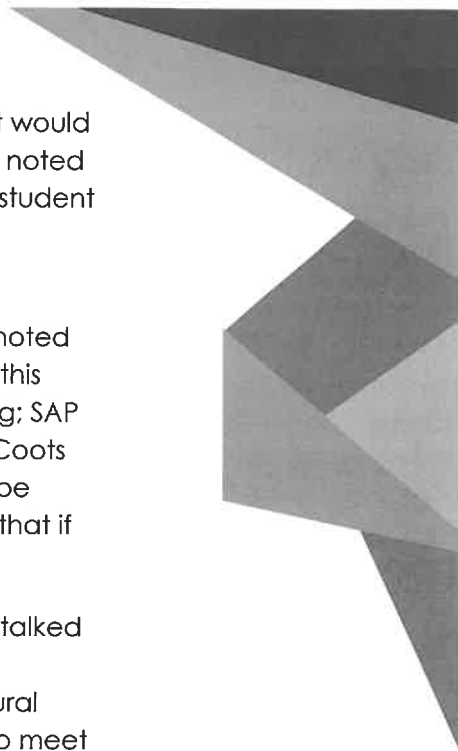
Location: Board Room, Administration Office

Date: Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Time: 5:00 PM

- I. **Call to order:** Mr. Chris Gastrock called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
- II. **Attendance:** Alanna Huck, Eric Baldwin, Maegan McConnell, Rob Kreger, Todd Outman, Steve Adams, Ben Miller, Jerry Curreri, Al Bieber, Tom Reese, Linda West, Chris Gastrock, Ben Largey, Jake Rogers, Amy Coots, Karen Farrer, Nancy Bair, Jill Gastrock, Bryce Bitner, Sherry Hazelton-Mohr, Courtney Russell, David Messineo, Abigail Reinhold, Jack Bryant, Ellan Bryant, Stacy Tom, Camden Tom, West Guignard, Lilace Guignard, Matthew Abrams, Taylor Nickerson, Aniyah Webb, Rowan Butters, Seth English, Karsen Kennedy, Amy DeCamp, Katherine DeCamp, Emmanuel Posada, Lindsey Cuneio, Sarah Vickery, Sheri Sunderland, Jimmy Guignard, Jude Cuneo, Ella Posada, Isobel Anderegg, Tracy Doughtie, Carys Barlett, Cortny Barlett, Olivia Chilson, Alyssa Chilson, Karter Campbell, Elise Largey, Evelyn Weatherbee, Olivia Gage, Susan Gage, Sarah Duterte
- III. **Old business:**
 - AP Course Offerings:** Mrs. Coots handed out the current AP courses that are offered at the Wellsboro High School per the curriculum guide.

AP Testing Requirements: Discussion regarding whether or not the end of course test should be a requirement for all students. Mrs. West noted that she thinks it should be a requirement; Mr. Bieber agreed. Mr. Gastrock suggested that students should know from the beginning that it will be a requirement to take the end of course test. Mr. Curreri



suggested that students not taking the end of course test would not receive the weighted grade for the course. Dr. Miller noted that AP is considered a college course and in college, a student cannot opt out of the final exam.

IV. New business: Summer Curriculum Professional

Development Offerings; Mrs. Coots noted

the following professional development trainings for staff this summer: ELA curriculum (K – 6); Keystone Algebra Training; SAP training; and ECRI training for elementary teachers. Mrs. Coots noted that AP training was offered and one teacher will be attending the training. Mr. Gastrock let Mrs. Coots know that if money was needed for PD, to let the board know.

New Science Standards; Mrs. Coots talked briefly about the new science standards. She noted the standards are shifting more to environmental and agricultural standards. Mrs. Coots feels the district is well positioned to meet the challenges of the new PSSA/Keystone tests with the new science curriculum. She did note the HS science department is in need of an anatomy and physiology book.

V. Concerns/Comments

VI. Public Comment: Several attendees in the audience voiced their concern over the “possibility” of losing AP Psychology. Many students and parents wanted to know why the board was looking to eliminate the course and many wanted the course to remain. One suggestion was to have parents sign a waiver for their child to take the course. Some noted they are planning to take psych in college and would like the opportunity to take the course in HS.

Mrs. Doughtie spoke to the testing requirements for AP and encouraged the board to not make the end of course test mandatory stating that some students do not need it for college. She emphasized the need to do what is best for each student regarding the testing.

VII. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

