



Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room

Date: 4/2/2024

Attendees:

Time: 5:00 p.m.

I. Call to order

Mrs. Huck called to order the regular meeting of the Curriculum Committee Meeting at 5:02 p.m. on April 2nd, 2024 in the board room.


II. Attendance

Attendee Names: Alanna Huck, Linda West, Dan Nowak, Maegan McConnell, Al Bieber, Amy Coots, Tom Reese, Eric Baldwin, Karen Farrer, Bryce Bitner, John Shaffer, Courtney Russell, Steve Adams, Rob Kreger, Todd Outman, Natalie Kennedy, Tracy Doughtie, Sherry Mohr, Melanie Berndston, Tina Colton

III. Old Business

IV. New business

- a) Social Studies Department Textbook Review: Mrs. Coots presented the various books that have been reviewed by the social studies department for Government, AP Psychology, and 4th – 8th grade social studies. Ms. Mohr spoke to the new rigorous requirements of the AP Psychology Exam. She also noted the test prep book is not out yet. Mr. Bitner noted the AP Government text is not a textbook but rather a test prep book. Mrs. Colton spoke to the 5th grade choice for the social studies book. She noted the book is a consumable as opposed to a hard cover book. Over time, it is more cost effective for the district to



go with this type of book. Mrs. Coots discussed the textbooks for PA Social Studies and Geography. Mrs. Coots invited all board members to stop by and look at the books at their convenience.

- b) College French: Mansfield University Course Offering: Mrs. Coots discussed the textbook that Mansfield University requires for Mrs. Owlett to teach College French in her classroom.
- c) National Technical Honor Society: Mrs. Berndston presented on the National Technical Honor Society. She spoke of the importance for our student. Mrs. Huck noted that she fully supports the creation of the National Technical Honor Society. She asked the board for permission for the advisors (Mrs. Berndston and Mrs. Whitney) to hand out material to eligible students. Approval for the program will be on the April Board Meeting.

V. Concerns/Comments:

- I. **Public Comment:** Mrs. Doughtie noted the following concerns:
 - 1) Disconnect between the courses we are sending to the colleges and the courses that are actually taught in the school. She gave the example of her son who was listed as not having AP Chem, however, we do not offer it in the high school.
 - 2) Students are being discouraged from taking AP courses
 - 3) Students need to be advised based on their future. Mrs. West noted that students can take advantage of orientation for their courses. Mrs. Huck noted the concern with the courses being sent to colleges has been rectified. Mr. John Shaffer commended the board and administration for trying to meet the needs of all of our students.

Mrs. Huck adjourned the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

