



Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Location: Board Room, Administration Office, 227 Nichols Street,
Wellsboro, PA

Date: Monday, April 24, 2023

Time: 5:00 PM

- I. **Call to Order:** Mr. Hoover called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Recorder for the meeting was John Hoover.
- II. **Attendance:** Karen Farrer, Jeremy Byrd, Amy Coots, Alanna Huck, Al Bieber, Linda West, Tracy Doughtie, John Hoover, Annette Nuss
- III. **Old business**
 - √ Valedictorian/Salutatorian Track; After light discussion all agreed that this must be reworked in order to be more fair for all students. Mrs. Huck will work with admin to research and bring suggestions to next Curriculum Committee meeting on September 18, 2023. All agreed that this next meeting will be dedicated to only this issue. All board members will be made aware that major discussion on the topic will occur in committee.
 - √ **Advanced Biology and Chemistry and AP;**
- IV. **New business**
 - √ **Engineering Program connected to the WASD budget;** Tracy asking that we be sure to tie programs directly to budget. Mrs. Huck commented that admin is looking at "Do we have enough students participating in each program, for example horticulture?"
 - √ **Review of credits required for graduation;** Amy Coots shared state minimums in each area and WASD

requirements. WASD is above state requirements in every area. Discussed how electives are important for students to explore interests. Board members asked admin to reflect on WASD requirements and report back to committee.

√ **Budgeting for Curriculum subscriptions;**

Brought up by John Hoover. Asking admin to be sure we are budgeting yearly for these costs. Amy & Alannah commented that they are doing this, even when spending may be 2-3 years out.

√ **Common core teaching;** Brought up by

Linda West. She shared concerns by parents that they do not understand the processes being taught (in math). However, parents can do the math but not in process asked of students- leads to frustration. Discussed as team that "PA Common Core" is simply competencies by students. Mrs. Huck shared PA Common Core math standards. They showed "what students must be able to do". Common core is what we teach (or what students must be able to do), not how we teach. How we teach is up to admin, teachers, and the resources teachers use/district purchases. Discussed how math exposes students to many different methods of solving one problem.

√ **Amy Coots, Principal of Academic Affairs Presentation on Elementary Math & Science Curriculum; New Reading Series.** She

shared the upcoming summer meeting schedule for teachers to receive materials and get oriented (June 12-14). This prevents them from having this stress 2 days before school starts. Also shared hope of reading program being consistent between buildings helping students to make a smooth transition from one building to the next, including middle school.

Other Topics Discussed: Are core classes strong?" - asked by Tracy Doughtie. Mrs. Huck stated that with the return to the 8 period day, the admin has definitely reflected of courses.

Old Business for Next Meeting:

- **Valedictorian/Salutatorian Track**
- **Review of Credits for graduation**

Next Meeting – September 18, 2023, 5:00 PM Board Room at Administration Building

V. **Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m