

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Monday, July 15, 2019

5:30 PM

District Board of Education Room

- I. **The meeting was called to Order:** 5:30 p.m.
- II. **Call to Order—Present: Committee Members:** Deanna Aubart, Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Bert Richard  
**Absent:** None  
**School District Personnel:** Randy Drost, Barb Sparish, Kris Britton, Nathan Vlcek, Curt Pacholke, Patrick Blackaller, Jessica Flasch  
**Community:** None
- III. **Barb Sparish announced that a notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.**
- IV. **Approval of June 24, 2019 meeting minutes:**  
**Motioned by:** Deanna Aubart  
**Seconded by:** Keven Jensen  
**All in Favor**
- V. **National Conference Math Presentation – Kris Britton**  
K-8 Math Coach, Kris Britton, has been selected to present at the US Math Recovery Council annual conference in Rhode Island. Kris provided a brief overview of her presentation consisting of multi-digit multiplication and division.
- VI. **Advanced Math Textbooks – Barb Sparish**  
The advanced math textbooks are falling apart and need to be replaced. The Director of Instruction and Learning, Barb Sparish, presented the quote for new advanced math textbooks. The BOE Finance Committee has approved the purchase. The BOE Curriculum Committee recommended that this be brought to the full board for approval.
- VII. **Middle School ACP Update – Nathan Vlcek**  
Assistant principal, Nathan Vlcek, provided a brief overview of what the middle school has done with ACP during the school year. Next year the middle school will use the homeroom for each week to discuss a different topic, including ACP, PBIS, and SEL. Also, parents will be asked to come in to talk to students about their careers. Career Cruising has changed to a new platform called Xello, so training will need to be provided to teachers on this and a plan for using it with students. The middle school will also work to incorporate the Success Skills rubric used in the high school. The BOE Curriculum Committee asked if there should be more core instructors on the task force.
- VIII. **High School ACP – Curt Pacholke**  
High school principal, Curt Pacholke, shared how middle school and high school scored on the ACP Components Self-Assessment Rubric provided by DPI. The goal is to reach institutionalized on the rubric. The high school is making improvements to their ACP

programming based on their self-assessment. Curt shared some areas the high school is looking to make changes in such as Financial Knowledge (personal finance, economics, and freshman success) and Work Experience (internship, youth apprenticeship, job shadows, on the job training, and career units).

**IX. School Forest Update – Patrick Blackaller and Jessica Flasch**

Jessica Flasch presented the rationale for why now is a good time to invest in a school forest program. She shared the information from the School Forest Needs Assessment that was completed in 2014-2015. 75% of the teachers responded that they were interested in using the school forest. Jessica provided the pros and cons for purchasing the land for a new school forest. There are many educational opportunities for both the school and community groups. The committee asked if community members should be brought together to see if there is support for a school forest. The committee would like Randy to present to community groups such as the Men's Club, Rotary etc. The BOE Curriculum Committee is supportive of a school forest program/curriculum as long as a half – or full-time Environmental Education Coordinator is hired.

**X. Alternative Education Plan for Current Students – Randy Drost**

District Administrator, Randy Drost, provided a daily schedule for the Red Cedar School, which will have two tracks: Teacher-Led and Teacher-Supported Online Learning. The two tracks will share morning and afternoon advisory periods and lunch. The Teacher-Led track will also include ALEKS math, a literacy block, teacher-led courses, and open programming. Red Cedar students will have exclusive access to the Fab Lab at the high school during the RLHS 5<sup>th</sup> hour. There will be approximately twenty former NLRA students staying at the Red Cedar School. Jeremy Peterson met with each student to develop a plan, which for some students includes significant programming at RLHS. Five other NLRA students are transferring to the high school full-time.

Work that will need to be done to continue educating students in the Red Cedar School:

- Look at additional competency based programs
- Determine which facility will be used
- Determine how to address the middle school needs
- Develop a clear plan for the Red Cedar School

The BOE Curriculum Committee would like Randy Drost, Mark Beise, Curt Pacholke and other staff to follow the new course proposal during the 2019-2020 academic year in order to develop a plan for the Red Cedar School.

**XI. Next Meeting:** Monday, August 19, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

**XII. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.**

**Motioned by:** Keven Jensen

**Seconded by:** Bert Richard

**All in Favor**

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish July 15, 2019