

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE MEETING

September 10, 2018

MINUTES

Attendees: Jeff Cook, Michelle Kocar, Kristen Plageman, John Schweitzer, Vanessa Spring, Steven Vaughn, Ava Yeager

K-12 ELA and Math – Jeff Cook & Michelle Kocar

- Course of Study
 - ODE has released the revised standards for Science and Social Studies – will be working on COS throughout the year
- K-12 Curriculum work
 - Looking at dates to have ELA & Math Courses of Study meetings with elementary liaisons and secondary department heads

Secondary Curriculum – Jeff Cook

- College Credit Plus
 - Jeff is in the process of pooling district teachers to do CCP – Meeting on Thursday, 9/13/18
 - Laurie Marshall from Parma Senior High has been doing the program and is willing to help other teachers
 - Benefits of having the program within the school walls are instead of at Tri C are:
 1. No travel time for students
 2. Cost effective
- Graduation Requirements
 - Last year there were alternative pathways for students to graduate
 - Work hours
 - Volunteer hours
 - Attendance
 - There has been no word from ODE that the above pathways will be available again this year
 - The requirements for this year will again be:
 - 18 points
 - SAT scores
 - Industry credit (with work keys) – 30% of CTE students use this method per Kristen
 - Each of the 3 high schools has support systems in place for seniors who are behind
 - Credit Recovery helps many students - however low test scores prevent many students from graduating
 - Mr. Schweitzer brought up a concern he had in regard to the low scores for the Geometry test – many students had A's in class but scored basic on the test
 - Is there a possible disconnect between teachers and students? Jeff stated that he has addressed this with the Department Heads and they are making adjustments

- One issue was alignment of standards (1 exp. Density was major part of test but not in line with standards)
- Jeff also stated that only 42% of students across the state passed

Elementary Curriculum – Michelle Kocar

- Gifted updates
 - Michelle and Megan Kinney (Gifted Lead Teacher) attended the Regional Gifted ODE meeting
 - Revised operating standards for PD
 - Originally 60 hours of PD was required for **ALL** teachers who provide services to Gifted Students (only 2 years to log the 60 hours)
 - 60 hours is still the required number for teachers but you have 4 years to log hours and can go back 24 months to see what will qualify toward total hours
 - Jeff, Michelle and Megan met on September 7th to plan for this year and beyond to be sure we are in compliance
 - Will be meeting with principals to discuss what hours can be logged toward PD and how they can help to meet the requirement (have them sign off on plan)
 - If a teacher has **NOT MET** the required hours and worked with a student it can **NOT** be counted as Gifted service – EMIS coding would need to be changed
 - No clear cut answers from ODE – many hoops to jump through to get the required hours
 - Gifted Indicators
 - The district uses CogAT an online test – (replaced OLSAT, more cost effective) for grades (K-2) & (3-5) IQ assessments grade 2 & 5
 - MAP testing is used for grades 2 – 7 (Reading & math)
- TGRG updates
 - The district currently has a total 33 retained students – building breakdown below:

Dentzler – 3	John Muir – 7	Parma Park – 4	Pleasant Valley – 8
Renwood – 1	Ridge-Brook – 6	Thoreau Park – 4	
 - 9 students were promoted to 4th grade due to ODE revisions

Data & Testing – Deb Vanek – (unable to attend – ODE meeting in Columbus)

Career & Technical – Kristen Plageman

- CTE update
 - Kristen shared a handout detailing the following items:
- Data
- Art Council Grant update
 - Time frame is Oct. 4 – Feb. 1 (2nd year welding program)
 - Artist Jerry Schmidt is well known in NE Ohio – he has sculptures around town
 - His sculptures all contain at least 1 item that is being repurposed – students will need to do the same
 - There is a possibility this project could lead into an internship for a student
 - Kristen is going to work with Jim Leigh to get materials that can be recycled and used for this project
 - Reviewed grant with Treasurer – need to obtain board approval

- Team 6355 Engineering
 - Only Valley Forge participated last year – all 3 high schools will be included this year
 - This is a great opportunity – last year \$25,000.00 was raised and goal this year is \$50,000.00
 - Last year this happened quite suddenly and Kristen wasn't able to lend much support – she feels this year it will be much better
 - Students have the opportunity to go to Worlds (held in Detroit) all costs for students are covered
 - This event is like a sporting championship for engineers
 - Contingent on obtaining a teacher(s) to oversee this afterschool program and approval of stipends
- Financial Literacy nights
 - For grades 5 - 9
 - Financial literacy speakers for parents and students
 - There is an article in the Monitor this week about this event
- Young Entrepreneurs Day
 - For grades 3 - 6
 - March 30, 2018 at Normandy High School

Federal Programs – Ava Yeager

- Federal Programs
 - Ava has a meeting in Washington on Friday, 9/14/18 in regard to use of Title IV funds – some schools in Texas are using it to purchase firearms
 - Will be used for student safety programs, items where possible
 - Ava also handles Title funds for the private schools – some buildings are interested in hiring School Resource Officers
 - The Perkins entitlement grant was reauthorized for all recipients across the county for the first time in several years
- Title I
 - Reading Mastery Reps visited Buildings to meet with new Title I teachers
 - Berea will visit Thoreau Park on September 16th to observe our Title I program
- EL Programming
 - This year we have 260 EL students – last year we had 225
 - Biggest influx is Spanish speaking students due to hurricane in Puerto Rico
 - Our Spanish mentor resigned and Ava has already posted the position
 - EL Parent Meeting on September 28, 2018 8:00pm at Valley Forge – this is an informative meeting that helps EL families navigate the American school system
- Emergency Impact Aid award
 - The district received \$149,000.00 for expenses incurred by the district due to families that were misplaced due to situations beyond their control
 - This is NOT new money – Ava will be working with Sean Nuccio, Treasurer to correct charges from last year
- 21st CCLC Programming
 - After school programs for Ridge-Brook and Thoreau Park in Reading & Math remediation

- This year the Ridge-Brook students will be bused to Thoreau Park for the program on the EDC bus
- Valley Forge & Parma Senior High both have Credit Recover Programs

Special Education – Vanessa Spring

- Due Process Complaint (second one this year)
 - Student is currently on a Section 504. She had requested for an evaluation. The district did not want to test based on the following information:
 - This child has been evaluated by the district 3 times and the parent also requested an Independent Individual Evaluation last year. The child was not found to meet the qualifications of IDEA as a student with a disability on any of these evaluations. The student is progressing in his academics. He missed passing AIR ELA test by several points. The district did not suspect disability.
 - The district wanted to meet with parent to review an action plan that would require us to collect data and assess some areas but parent filed for due process before we were able to meet to discuss this with her
 - District attorney is suggesting that we follow through with the testing which is what we will do.
- Resolution
 - There is a resolution to add a sibling to transportation to an out of district placement. There will be a cost to the district to add the sister because it is through Suburban. There was an original legal agreement to transport the brother to TES. Parent and her attorney had requested that the district add the sister to the drive since she is going to the same facility. Parma is paying only for transportation of the students not the cost of the program at TES.
- Vacant positions
 - School psychologist at Greenbriar still open. We have been requesting district psychologists to fill in until the person returns to work. John Clute has offered to be the point person for that building until she returns.