

## Curriculum Committee Minutes January 23, 2013

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. at the Pana High School Library

Acting Chairman Schafer called the meeting to order.

Members present: Dively, Hankins, Hahnenkamp, Lauff, McRoberts, Osborn, Schafer, Zueck,  
Mayhall, Carlson, Strom

Members absent: Ade, McClure, Wysong

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – October 24, 2012. Motion to approve minutes. Duez, Second – Carlson
2. *Transition Plans from High School Block Schedule to Traditional Schedule* – Ms. McRoberts reviewed the proposed schedule for Pana High School for 2013- 2014 and Mr. Lauff reviewed the schedule for Pana Jr. High. Ms. McRoberts provided a schedule that included 10 periods. Period 9 would be for RtI interventions and Period 10 would be a study hall. There would be 3 lunch periods. Periods would last 45 minutes with the exception of period 9 and 10 which would be 30 minutes. Mr. Lauff also shared his potential schedule. He indicated that he did not see any problems with the sharing of staff. The bell schedule for the two schools will be similar and they will be dismissing at the same time.

Ms. McRoberts and Mrs. Strom also presented a transition plan for the number of credits required to graduate. Currently students need 28 credits. The plan calls for the following 2014 – 27 credits, 2015 – 26 credits, 2016 – 25 credits, and 2017 and beyond – 27 credits. After discussion about the schedules and the credit requirements a motion was made by McRoberts and seconded by Lauff to approve the proposed schedule and the graduation requirements.

3. *Other Curriculum Considerations* – Ms. McRoberts and Mrs. Strom explained some alternative options to the current high school grading scale. They were not making a recommendation at this time. They explained that they want to consider altering the grading scale to reflect the + and or – that is given with a grade. Currently an A+ or and A- is equal to 4.0 on the scale. They also shared that they had some concerns about how classes are weighted and which classes are weighted. No one appears to know how classes became weighted.

Mr. Lauff pointed out that making the change could cause teachers to have to defend individual assignments due to a difference in A+ and A-. It could put more pressure on teachers. Classes in which grading is more subjective could be problematic.

Ms. Strom and Ms. McRoberts indicated that Proposal#2 is closer to what other schools are doing. They asked if we aren't going to change the scale then do we want to continue giving +'s or -'s? No decision was made on the scale.

Ms. Zueck shared that with Art going to a 2 day schedule this year, they needed to provide curriculum for the other days. They included a bullying program. They have always had a program, but offered more time on it this year. They are looking for something that will be more compatible with the PBIS program at Jefferson for next year. The SIP Committee at Jefferson will be reviewing some different options and sharing more information with the Curriculum Committee at our next meeting.

Ms. Zueck also indicated that the Jefferson staff would like a longer school day. Actual instruction time is 40 minutes. The current day is begins at 8:15 and ends at 2:55. Transportation is a problem.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Duez and seconded by Hankins to adjourn the meeting of January 23, 2013 at 7:15 p.m.

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