

Curriculum Committee Minutes February 24, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Pana High School Library

Chairman Mizeur called the meeting to order.

Members present: Mizeur, Dively, Duez, Hankins, Hahnenkamp, Lauff, McRoberts, Metzger,
Osborn, Nicolas, Rodman, Wysong, Zueck

Members absent: Dodson, Kettlekamp, Nicolas, Schafer

Superintendent Present: Yes

Visitors:

The committee discussed the following:

1. Approval of Minutes – 12/16/2009 Motion to approve minutes. McRoberts, Second - Duez
2. *Update on 2011- 2013 Technology Plan* – Mr. Dively provided a Power Point presentation on data collected for the Technology Plan. The presentation included a review of the SMART Goal developed for the plan based on data and the strategies and activities in the Action Plan to support the goal. During the presentation, Mr. Dively touched on the district's plan to try to upgrade the network. The plan is ready to be submitted for Peer Review.
3. *Graduation Requirements* – Ms. McRoberts addressed the committee concerning graduation requirements. Currently students are required to have 28 credits to graduate of a possible 32 credits. With the current requirements, students could fail one class per semester and still graduate. For this reason, they would like to increase the number of credits required for graduation. After some discussion, the committee asked Ms. McRoberts to gather some information for the next meeting. This included the number of students that graduated with 8 F's compared to the number that didn't graduate, and how many classes students could fail if they were on a traditional schedule. The committee discussed the impact of this decision on early graduation and also discussed some of the issues with seniors "slacking off" because they have met their credit requirement. Mrs. Strom pointed out that currently "80% of our seniors could graduate early if they could."

Curriculum changes – Curriculum changes proposed for next year included the following:

1. Provide a science credit for Agricultural Science. 2 years of science credit are required for students to graduate. This course could count for one of those credits. Holly Baughman is qualified to teach science classes. A motion was made by McClure and seconded by Hahnenkamp to recommend that Agricultural Science (sophomore class) fulfill one of the science credits required to graduate. All members of the committee were in favor of this motion.
2. Ag. Business Management should count toward the graduation requirement for Consumer Education. The Regional Vocational System has verified that the course content meets the standards for Consumer Education. A motion was made by Duez and seconded by McClure to allow students to take Ag. Business

Management to meet their Consumer Education requirement. All members of the committee were in favor of the motion.

3. Proposal that all freshmen take Keyboarding and Computer Applications. The argument was made that the staff does not believe the students are getting enough exposure to keyboarding and computer skills prior to high school. One computer class is required now for graduation. There would be a proficiency exam available for students to be able to opt out of keyboarding. Some discussion was held regarding concerns that students weren't getting these skills at an earlier age. Although this is a valid concern, it was pointed out that at the present time; it is not clear where or how this could be done. A motion was made by Wysong and seconded by Osborn to require all freshmen to take Keyboarding and Computer Applications. All members of the committee were in favor of the motion.

The final topic of discussion involved weighted dual credit classes. Ms. McRoberts explained that there is some concern that students passing the class with a D are receiving a weighted grade. The committee had a brief discussion on this topic. No decisions were made. Dual credit classes and mixed classes (classes that have students enrolled for dual credit and high school credit only) may be a future topic of discussion.

4. *Next Meeting Date* – Wednesday, April 14, 2010 6:00 p.m. in the High School library.

Having no further business, a motion was made by Hahnenkamp and seconded by Duez to adjourn the meeting of February 24, 2010 at 7:34 p.m.

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