

# WBOE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

## February 8, 2018

**Present:** Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Maegan Genovese, Margaret Hamilton, Board Members; Bob Gilbert, Superintendent; Gina Prisco, Principal; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; Monique MacDonald, WEA Liaison.

Ms. Sherman presented a history and overview of the Safe School Climate Committee and the following activities were highlighted:

- ❖ Reviewed CARES (Cooperation, Assertion, Responsibility, Empathy, Self-Control).
- ❖ Community Spirit: The first school-wide event focused on *Cooperation* with additional assemblies in the 2017-18 school year split so half the school would attend- mixing up the attendees to build community.
- ❖ Student Anti-Bullying Initiatives: Be Kindness Week

The current iteration of the Safe School Climate Plan has deemed that some activities are now a part of the school's best practices. These activities include:

- ❖ Owl Pals
- ❖ Family Resource Team
- ❖ Behavior Resource Team
- ❖ Student Council

Responsive Classroom remains an actionable item in the Safe School Climate Plan. Discussion included RC Training for new staff, embedded Professional Development for all staff and faculty, and the future development of a list of non-negotiables that will be implemented in each classroom.

Project Teach was also discussed. While this is not currently a part of the actionable items, implementation of state-wide curriculum is now mandated for K-12 students and will be added to the Safe School Climate Action Plan. The following was shared:

- ❖ There has been positive parent feedback received regarding the approach.
- ❖ Key staff members are observing various sessions. A determination will be made for how these topics will be addressed going forward.
- ❖ BOWA Districts opted to use Project Teach.

A discussion ensued regarding School Safety and Security vs Safe School Climate. It is important that all constituents understand the function of the Safety and Security Committee and the Safe School Climate Committee. It was suggested that information be shared via the *Principal's Message* or *Superintendent's Message* informing the community of the purpose of these two committees.

Assemblies are one method of bringing the school community together. A school-wide Field Day would be a means of doing that as well. The administration and physical education teachers are in the planning stages of scheduling a Field Day for the end of this school year. It was suggested that PTO might be interested in offering support and assistance.

It was agreed the summary presented by Ms. Sherman would also be shared with the full board.

### Future Presentation Discussions

#### APRIL 2018

**TAG Update Part 2:** Implementation of the revised Identification process will occur in the 2018/19 school year with assessment of all students in Grade 3 and will combine identification and services. Included in this update will be a presentation on Enrichment Clusters, Project Based Learning, and Genius Hour.

**Strategic Plan Update:** A report will be made to the Curriculum Committee prior to the full Board presentation in April.

#### MAY 2018

**Curriculum Review Cycle:** Updates will be provided at the May meeting on Math, Science and Social Studies as well as summer curriculum writing plans.

**Next Meeting:** There will not be a March meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for April 12 at 4:30 PM in the District Office.

Meeting Adjourned (5:38 PM)