

Tri-County Area School District

Plainfield, WI

Minutes from Curriculum & Program Evaluation Committee Meeting

Held May 8, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 5:00p.m. by Wayne Cummings, Chairperson, in the district office conference room.

Committee members present were Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, Peggy Buckholt, and Cindy Baumgartner.

Others present included: Anthony Marinack, District Administrator; Nicholas Marti, 7-12 Principal; Annette Carroll, John Mesyk, and Dawn Byrum.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

The first item for discussion was the proposed course changes to the 7-12th grade Math Curriculum for the 2013-2014 school year. The second item was to have the Tri-County School District pay $\frac{1}{2}$ the individual cost of the Advanced Placement tests for the 2012-2013 school year.

Nick Marti gave an overview of the Math program, along with 'School Report Cards'. Dawn, John, and Nick went to Green Bay to observe their Math program. Dawn explained how the BLOCK Math classes would work. A letter would be sent home detailing the criteria for placement, the benefits, and the structure of the courses. An agreement between the student, the parent, and the school would be signed. The BLOCK Math course would count as 2 credits, one being a math credit and one an elective. In the near future, the Common Core Standards will be requiring additional credits in Math & Science.

A computer program would need to be purchased. Annette would no longer have the Modified Algebra class. There would not be any scheduling conflicts for the high school students. Some 8th grade students would incur a conflict with band/choir. These students would be able to take independent band lessons, alternating days with a study hall.

A \$5,000.00 grant has been applied for that would cover $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of Chrome Books. Mr. Mesyk said there may be some technology training for the teachers.

6:00p.m. – Jim Knutson left. 6:05p.m. – John Mesyk, Dawn Byrum, and Annette Carroll left.

Mr. Marti asked if the school would be willing to cover $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost of the AP exams. It is \$89 per exam. If a student is on free or reduced lunch, the cost is \$53 per exam. A poll was taken of other schools in our conference to see what they offered. Results are as follows:

*Pay \$20 per test

*Pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost per test

*Pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost if they pass the exam

*Pay $\frac{1}{2}$ of the cost if they obtain above a set score

These items will be placed on the Board agenda for the May 28th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26p.m.

Recorded by: Ann Hintz