

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 19, 2015

6:00 PM

District Board of Education Room

- I. **The meeting was called to Order at 6:09 p.m.**
- II. **Roll Call—Present: Committee Members:** Keven Jensen, Bill Schmitzer, Tami Alberg, Barb Sparish
District Staff: Jeremy Peterson
Absent: Miriam Vavra, Larry Brown
- III. **Barb Sparish, announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.**
Since this was the first meeting with the new committee members a motion was made by Bill Schmitzer and seconded by Tami Alberg to have Keven Jensen be chairman. All in favor.
- IV. **Approval of April 21, 2015 meeting minutes:**
Motioned by: Tami Alberg
Seconded by: Bill Schmitzer
All in favor
- V. **Guatemala Trip – Jeremy Peterson**
NLRA teacher, Jeremy Peterson presented a proposed trip to Guatemala for the NLRA students. This trip would occur March 16-23, 2016. Students involved in this trip would also be enrolled in a six week seminar concentrating on the history of Latin American Ancient Civilizations focusing on Aztec, Incan, and Mayan cultures. Mr. Peterson shared the itinerary and highlights of the trip. Explorica would be the tour company facilitating the trip. If the trip would be approved, there would be several fundraising events for students. At this time, 18 students have expressed interest. This trip would be a joint trip between NLRA and Blue Hills Charter School in Birchwood.

Two questions in Board Policy 351 that needed clarification.
 1. Policy indicates that chaperones/advisors are not entitled to “free” trips. One free chaperone per 5 paid individuals would be included in this trip. Is this against district policy? Board members would like to look at past practice for clarification.
 2. Policy also indicates that students should not miss school days as a result of the trip. March 16-18 are district school days prior to spring break, but since students are doing this for credit they are in school.
Board members were supportive of the trip.
- VI. **AP Chemistry Textbook Purchase – Barb Sparish**
AP Chemistry books need to be replaced. The book selected would be Chemistry (AP Edition) by Zumdahl and Zumdahl published by Cengage Learning. The district would be purchasing 48 student editions and receiving 2 teacher editions free. The cost of this purchase would be \$7,784.64.

VII. **AP Biology Textbook Purchase – Barb Sparish**

AP Biology books need to be replaced. The book selected would be Campbell Biology by Reece, Urry, Cain, Wasserman, Minorsky, and Jackson published by Pearson. The district would be purchasing 48 student bundles, which includes a textbook and 6 year access to the online student edition. Two teachers editions would be included free of charge. The cost of this purchase would be \$8,601.26.

VIII. **Everyday Math Textbook Purchase – Barb Sparish**

The district currently is using the 2012 Everyday Math series in grades K-5. This edition is not Common Core aligned. McGraw Hill is offering a reduced rate for districts to purchase the new Common Core Everyday Math. The district would be purchasing new teacher and student editions as well as manipulatives for grades K-5. The cost of this purchase would be \$39,094.75

IX. **Curriculum Update – Barb Sparish**

An update on the 20 hour curriculum goals was provided by Director of Instruction and Learning, Barb Sparish.

X. **Curriculum Guidebook – Barb Sparish**

Barb Sparish presented the Curriculum Guidebook which includes the six year curriculum renewal cycle. The goal is to have curriculum become an ongoing process with a different area of emphasis each year of the cycle. The cycle would be:

- Year 1 – Investigating the current reality.
- Year 2 – Writing curriculum maps.
- Year 3 – Developing summative assessments and resource selection.
- Year 4 – Developing formative assessments.
- Year 4 – Focusing on instructional strategies.
- Year 6 – Updating curriculum maps.

XI. **Next Meeting:** June 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

XII. **Adjourn:** Motion to adjourn at 7:22 p.m. by Tami Alberg and seconded by Bill Schmitzer
All in favor

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish May 19, 2015.