

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, December 15, 2015

6:00 PM

District Board of Education Room

- I. **The meeting was called to Order: at 6:00 p.m.**
- II. **Call to Order—Present: Committee Members:** Tami Alberg, Keven Jensen, Bill Schmitzer, Barb Sparish  
**District Staff:** Curt Pacholke, Susan Strouf  
**Absent:** Miriam Vavra  
**Community:** None
- III. **Barb Sparish, announced that notice of the meeting was communicated by public notice as required by 19.84 of WI statutes.**
- IV. **Approval of November 17, 2015 meeting minutes:**  
**Motioned by:** Tami Alberg  
**Seconded by:** Bill Schmitzer  
**All in Favor**
- V. **Academic and Career Planning (ACP) – Mary Krovoza, Mike Shomion, Josh Tomesh, Curt Pacholke, Barb Sparish, Susan Strouf**

Director of Instruction and Learning, Barb Sparish; High School Principal, Curt Pacholke; and Director of Pupil Services, Susan Strouf presented on the following items:

- The requirements of the new ACP Statute.
- What ACP is.
- The ACP Model of Know, Plan, Explore and Go.
- The Rice Lake Area School District ACP planning.

VI. **Review RL High School Course Description Book – Curt Pacholke**

High School Principal, Curt Pacholke, presented the High School Course Description Book. There are no additions to the book for 2016-2017 and only the following minor changes:

- Offerings that have been listed in multiple departments are only being listed in one area now. An example of this would be the Co-op course.
- The Parent and Child course will be deleted since there is no teacher who has the Assistant Childhood certification.
- The Reading in the Workplace course will no longer be offered because special education students must receive the same curriculum as the general education. The only exception would be approximately 1% of the student population who have a severe cognitive disability.
- Other minor changes were in the formatting of flowcharts and order of information on a four-year planning page.

VII. **RL Middle School Proposed Curriculum Changes – Josh Tomesh and Barb Sparish**

Several years ago, the curriculum for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Computer course was changed to incorporate more of a career focus and not just computers. At that time the course name was changed to Careers 8. This change never formally went to the Board of Education Curriculum Committee. We would like to formally change the name to Careers 8. The Middle School will also be changes some of the curriculum in their Avant Garde courses with the addition of the ACP requirements. This will be completed after DPI makes the final determination of what the ACP model will look like.

VIII. **Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Update – Barb Sparish**

Since the last Board of Education Curriculum Committee there has not been any curriculum writing work completed. Director of Instructional and Learning, Barb Sparish has reviewed the work that teachers have been working and has determined that 8 ¼ hours of curriculum time is not adequate to complete the work needed so all groups will be on the same year in the cycle for 2016-2017.

IX. **Next Meeting:** January 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

X. **Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn at 7:08 p.m. by Bill Schmitzer and seconded by Tami Alberg.  
**All in favor.**

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish December 15, 2015.