

RICE LAKE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 17, 2017

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:** Abbey Fischer, Keven Jensen, Bert Richard, Bill Schmitzer  
**District Staff:** Randy Drost, Barb Sparish, Sharon Hahn, Jean Schmitzer, Steve Adams, Curt Pacholke, Josh Tomesh  
**Absent:** None  
**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 September 26, 2017 meeting minutes:**  
**Motioned by:** Bill Schmitzer  
**Seconded by:** Abbey Fischer  
All in favor
- V. **High School English Presentation on IXL – Sharon Hahn**  
Sharon Hahn presented on the IXL Language Arts program that fellow English teacher, Holly Estreen ordered for her classroom. The analytics help teachers focus on types of questions that students are missing and allows teachers to design specific skills for those students. Mrs. Hahn shared a lesson with the committee. If students get a question, incorrect IXL provides the correct answer and the rationale why. The high school has 30 licenses.
- VI. **French Trip – Jean Schmitzer**  
French teacher, Jean Schmitzer, provided an overview of the 2016-2017 French. She displayed several photos of the students on the trip. This was her thirteenth trip she has taken with students. Mrs. Schmitzer indicated the students all tried to speak the language and fully immersed in the culture. Mrs. Schmitzer has already starting planning for the next trip in 2020.
- VII. **Math 355 – Curt Pacholke**  
High School Principal, Curt Pacholke presented the rationale for adding WITC Math 355. This math would meet both the welding and construction pathways. Mr. Pacholke presented the number of students who may be interested in this. WITC has a process for determining if Rice Lake High School had any teachers who would qualify to teach Math 355. Mr. Steve Adams does qualify. This would enable students to earn both high school and WITC credit. Mr. Adams explained that this course would help students learn how math would be used in real life.

**VIII. Welding Academy – Curt Pacholke**

The Welding Academy was presented. Technology Education Teacher, Chuck Carr can teach the welding courses in the WITC Welding Academy. Students would need to take the WITC 355. Once students have completed these courses, they would receive a Welding Academy certificate. Mr. Pacholke hopes to have enough Rice Lake students to fill the course, but if not, other districts could send students to Rice Lake Area School District. These students would be open enrolled to the Rice Lake Area School District.

**IX. Construction Academy – Curt Pacholke**

Dan Buchman and Bill Cutsforth are both qualified to teach the WITC Construction Essentials Academy courses. The Rice Lake High School courses have higher competencies than the construction essentials courses. At this time, more exploration is needed before a final decision is made.

**X. Middle School Academic Career Planning Update – Josh Tomesh**

Principal, Josh Tomesh provided an update on the ACP activities. The middle school started this year with a 5<sup>th</sup> Grade First Day. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students had informational meetings, met their teachers, community building activities, and ACP goal setting. On September 1, 2017, the staff met with 348 of the 478 parents and filled out a goal sheet. Parents and students worked together to develop academic behavioral attendance and personal goals. These goals are reviewed at parent/teacher conferences. Throughout the year, students will be involved in ACP related work, which includes with smart goals, career exploration, and reflection.

**XI. Middle School Remediation Plan Update – Josh Tomesh**

Principal Tomesh explained the Warrior Remediation Program. The hope is to take steps to increase the motivation and content mastery. At mid-quarter this year, 189 students have a D or F. Parents have been notified and will be asked to bring their students for Power Hour, Saturday School, before or after school help, or study hall help.

**XII. Next Meeting:** Tuesday, November 28, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

**XIII. Adjourn:** Motion to Adjourn at 8:13 p.m. by Richard and seconded by Fischer.

Minutes submitted by Barb Sparish October 17, 2017