

East Greenbush Central School District

**COMMITTEE FOR CURRICULUM STUDY (CCS)**

Columbia High School – Library Classroom

Wednesday, October 26, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.

**MINUTES**

**1. ATTENDANCE**

Joanne Allen, Teacher, Goff Middle School  
Meagan Asenbauer, English Department Chairperson  
Frank DiDonato, Math Department Chairperson  
Melissa Dupont, Reading 6-12 Department Chairperson  
Steve Ford, CTE Chairperson  
Melissa Gleason, Teacher, Columbia High School  
Katrina Gruet, Teacher, Columbia High School  
Scott Halliday, Music Department Chairperson  
Patty Hannmann, Foreign Language Department Chairperson  
Elizabeth Hart, Teacher, DPS Elementary School  
Sarah Hoffman, Interim Assistant Principal, Columbia High School  
Chris Hosley, Physical Education Department Chairperson  
Katelynn Ingham, Librarian, Columbia High School  
Lisa Johnas, Teacher, Columbia High School  
Lisa Mahar, Teacher, Red Mill Elementary School  
Tara Maney, Special Education Department Chairperson  
Brian Marsh, CAP Department Chairperson  
Wendy McAlonie, Social Studies Department Chairperson  
Allison Milazzo, Guidance Department Chairperson  
Kate Morrow, Teacher, Columbia High School  
Lynne Pampel, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction  
Tom Ross, Science Department Chairperson  
Christina Rudzinski, Teacher, Genet Elementary School  
Donna Shepardson, Teacher, Columbia High School  
Brittany Slagen, Teacher, Red Mill Elementary School  
Helen Squillace, Director Pupil Personnel Services

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (9/21/16)**

*Motion to approve:* Sarah Hoffman

*Second:* Tom Ross

**3. CURRICULUM TREASURER'S REPORT**

It was agreed at the September meeting that the \$300 allocated for the CCS Committee will be allocated to the department of the individual who acts as the Secretary for each meeting. Thus, the English Department will be using the \$300 to purchase miscellaneous items, as Meagan Asenbauer acts as the CCS Secretary.

#### 4. **NEW BUSINESS**

Lynne requested approval to follow a different order rather than the one listed on this agenda. Scott Halliday made motion and Chris Hosley seconded the motion.

##### a. 2016-2017 Subcommittee Reports

- Foreign Language (P. Hannmann)
  - P. Hannmann shared the proposed Mission Statement for World Languages. She and Lynne will be exploring the possibility of having a special stamp placed on the diplomas of any students, including ELL students, who complete at least four years of a world language to recognize this accomplishment.
- Career and Technical Education (S. Ford)
  - L. Pampel shared that a report will not be shared until we have seen the recommendations of the committee. S. Ford shared that the last five-year Program Review was completed at the time that the Family Consumer Science courses were eliminated
- Update on CTE and STEM Audit (Lynne)

##### b. New Math Book Proposals (Wayne Grignon)

Tabled until a future meeting.

##### c. Book Proposal – *I am Malala* (M. Asenbauer)

Darleen Morgan requested approval to use the Young Reader's Edition of *I am Malala* as a collateral piece within the 9th grade Primary English class due to its connection with students with a female protagonist and connection to material covered in the Grade 9 Global Studies curriculum. M. Asenbauer presented a summary of the book and the projected cost of purchasing 20 copies of this edition to use within the classroom. The committee approved the use of the text within the class.

##### d. Curriculum Project Presentations

- ELA Baseline Assessment Development-Maps Revision K-5 (B. Slagen, L. Mahar)
  - L. Mahar and B. Slagen discussed how they reviewed the ELA Draft Standards during the district Professional Development session on Friday, October 21st. The history of the five elementary buildings using a reading program and an anthology approach was reviewed. L. Pampel explained that we will be bringing in an ELA Specialist to review the present Scope and Sequence, curriculum maps, etc. to have another perspective. It is the intention to include Social Studies curriculum within the ELA mapping. Different writing strategies were also discussed to use within different grade levels to promote consistency across the district.
- Math Baseline Assessment Development and Maps Revision (C. Rudzinski)
  - C. Rudzinski shared that based on teacher feedback, some teachers met this summer, looked at baseline assessments, and made revisions as necessary. Teachers will continue to update the curriculum as necessary as time goes on.
- Life Skills ELA Alignment with updated NYSAA (C. Morrow)
  - L. Johnas and Kate Morrow discussed the positive impact that using technology in the classroom has had on their students. They expressed that the computers must be used for the NYS Alternate Assessment, so helping students become more familiar with using technology on a regular basis. L. Pampel requested that we discuss a way to have students be able to borrow laptops or Chromebooks as time goes on so that students who don't have access to technology at home are not at an unfair advantage.

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

a. 2015-2016 5 Year Program Review Targeted Completion Dates

- Athletics Review
  - Tabled until a future date.
- Library
  - Kate Ingham shared that this has been an ongoing project as librarians have retired and new employees have joined the department. The Mission Statement was reviewed with the CCS Committee. L. Pampel then reviewed the potential plan for the implementation and rollout of the Student Helpdesk.
- Alternative Program
  - B. Marsh shared that he will make the necessary revisions and share his Program Review with everyone to review before the December meeting in anticipation of a final approval of the plan.

**6. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

**7. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

a. Sub-committee to update the Organizational Guidelines and Program Review Process

L. Pampel requested that a sub-committee be put together to review the guidelines of the CCS Committee.

- b. L. Pampel made a motion to cancel the December 14th CCS meeting and move all textbook request proposals to the January meeting. Chris Hosley seconded the motion.

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn:* Frank DiDonato

*Second:* Melissa Dupont