

East Greenbush Central School District

COMMITTEE FOR CURRICULUM STUDY (CCS) MINUTES

Administration - Board Conference Room

Wednesday, June 7, 2017 - 3:30 PM

AGENDA

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (5/17/17)

2. New Business

a. *World Languages Department Program Review*

Patty Hannmann reviewed the remainder of the World Languages Program Review and provided background that local Regents exams came into existence in 2011. One of the goals is to increase the mastery rates of each language offered in our district (French, German and Spanish). She reviewed the numbers of students in each language and remarked about the number of students who dropped French Level 5 this year since it is no longer offered for college credit through HVCC. Patty stressed the need for technology within the language classrooms so that students are able to have the opportunity to hear the native speakers from other areas of the world. Curriculum writing is needed for Levels 1-5, since it has been more than fifteen years since this has been done. It is predicted that the NYS Regents exam will be offered in French and Spanish in 2020, and professional development will be necessary to help the teachers be prepared for this. It is recommended that students be offered early exposure to a foreign language in sixth grade (as was done in the past) in hopes that engaging students will help increase their interest and improve their skills. The department is exploring the implementation of the NYS Seal of Bilingualism.

b. *Discussion of 2017-2018 Scheduled Program Reviews:*

i. *Art*

ii. *Health*

Jim introduced the idea of possibly moving the Health Program Review to further in the future and instead focus on our AIS/RTI program.

iii. *Social Studies*

iv. *Mathematics*

c. *Discussion of 2018-2019 Scheduled Program Reviews:*

i. *Physical Education*

ii. *Special Education and Related Services*

iii. Academic Intervention Services

d. Review/Discussion of District Priorities and Needs

Jim reviewed how there will most likely be changes to committees in the future to avoid redundancy of agenda information. The CCS is considered to be an advisory group to the Superintendent, so curriculum initiatives and changes should be shared with principals and other administrators before being presented to the committee. What goes through CCS should drive summer curriculum writing, instructional processes, and curriculum purchases.

Vote approved to move forward with revisiting the role of CCS during the 2017 - 2018 academic year.

e. Recommendation/Determination of which Program Reviews should be scheduled for 2017-2018 and which Program Reviews should be scheduled for 2018-2019

f. Discussion RE: Curriculum Management (Program Reviews, Curriculum Writing, New Course Proposals, Professional Development, Purchasing of Instructional Resources)

i. Process

ii. Purpose

iii. Recommendations Moving Forward

g. 2017-2018 CCS Membership

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Wendy McAlonie brought up an issue that recently occurred in which a student may have been granted permission to take an on-line class through Hudson Valley Community College and receive credit at Columbia without prior Department Chair approval. A formal process including a sign-off form will be developed with Department Chairs and recommended to the Superintendent for BOE approval.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Donna Shepardson

Seconded by: Melissa Dupont