

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY
MEETING DATE: APRIL 16, 2009 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Pam Staats
Chairman

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting

I. April 16, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM in the High School Community Learning Center.

II. Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Staats, Julie Humphrey, Chris Catterson and Mary Homan

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky, Jim Tallarico and Don Golden

Public Present: Technology Education Chairperson Jim Fluck, Business Education Teachers Laura Griffith and Duane Benedict, High School Teacher John Koloski.

III. There were no items under Old Business this evening.

IV. The following New Business items were discussed:

A. Presentations from the current Curriculum Teams:

- Mr. Ognosky presented the Family and Consumer Science Curriculum team information in the absence of Mary Keihl and Betsy Wilcox as they are attending the State Family and Consumer Science Teacher Convention. The Family and Consumer Science curriculum requests for next year include an update of the current textbooks utilized in their various curriculums as well as an upgrade of a number of equipment items in the room including work tables, chairs and technology equipment. They are planning no major changes in their current curriculum. The total request from the Family and Consumer Science Department is for \$31,949.38.
- Mr. Fluck presented the Technology Education Curriculum team information on behalf of his department. He outlined the changes desired in each of the shop areas as follows:
 - ✓ Graphic Arts: Add a digital photography class, provide for adequate venting in the room to handle the fumes from the equipment and materials; provide for a bulletin board display area on the walls across the hall from the room in order to display student work; and, purchase a Xante Platemaker to replace the existing piece of equipment in the room which is in need of replacement.
 - ✓ Mechanical Drawing: provide for the necessary student furniture for the computer equipment in the room as the equipment is currently in a Science room being utilized. The classroom will be moved to Room 50 (in the tech area) and new furniture will be required. Also, provide for an updated version of software for the Architectural Drawing class.
 - ✓ Wood Shop: New tables and lockers are needed in the room as the originals are currently there and are beyond repair. Also, purchase of a CNC router with the appropriate software and computer in order to provide the students a work experience on the current equipment in the field. Finally, purchase of a router and router table for utilization in the shop.
 - ✓ Metal Shop: Replacement of the two lathes in the shop with Ganesh Lathes as specifically tailored for utilization in educational settings.

The total request for from the Technology Education Department is for \$93,852.

- Mrs. Griffith and Mr. Benedict reviewed the requests from the Business Education Department. Final financial information is not available and will be made available no later than May 1st.
 - ✓ Mrs. Griffith began by explaining that the Department will be expanding their instruction to the 5th and 6th grade for the 2009-2010 school year. The Elementary Principals will be adjusting their specials' schedules to provide for specials for 5th and 6th graders first thing in the morning. Mrs. Griffiths will then return to the high school in time for the 4th period class and teach her current junior high and 9th grade classes.
 - ✓ The 9th grade required Business course will be restructured and students will be given the opportunity to choose between Advanced Micro Applications, Intro to Web Design and Intro to Programming.
 - ✓ High School students will now have a variety of electives to choose from including Entrepreneurship, Introduction to Business Concepts, Entertainment and Sports Marketing and Accounting 1 and 2 as well as Advanced Web Design and Computer Programming.
 - ✓ All of the changes will be communicated to the students during the scheduling process by the guidance department on their scheduling visitations into the English classes. Students will then make their choices as part of the scheduling process.

B. Junior-Senior High School Schedule for 2009-1010:

- Mr. Tallarico reviewed the change in the time schedule for the class periods for next year. He emphasized the following to those present:
 - ✓ The schedule will be an 8 period day plus a 30 minute lunch for all teachers and students. Class periods will be 43 minutes in length with a three minute passing time. First period will include an additional 5 minute homeroom period. A copy of the schedule accompanies the minutes.
 - ✓ The schedule provides for approximately an additional 50 hours of instructional time in the course of the year. It also allows the high school to preserve the current electives for students and provides them with the same opportunity to schedule the same number of classes as they currently schedule.
 - ✓ All students in all grades will be required to schedule 7 classes plus physical education with their only study hall to be in the same period of the day as their physical education class. Requiring this will certainly reduce the current number of study hall periods in the day.
 - ✓ Without adding any additional staff, Mr. Tallarico will be instituting a PSSA Math class in 7th grade and a PSSA Reading class in 8th grade for next year. This is becoming more and more imperative as the AYP requirements increase incrementally in the next few years.
 - ✓ 7th graders will schedule Reading, Math, Science, Ancient World History, English, PSSA Math, the minicourse rotation and PE/Study Hall. Those students who wish to schedule Chorus and Band will do so during the PE/Study Hall period and will not have a study hall. The minicourse rotation for 7th grade will be 60 day classes in Business Education, Music and Family and Consumer Science.
 - ✓ 8th graders will schedule Math, Science, American History, English, Geography, PSSA Reading, the minicourse rotation and PE/Study Hall. Those students who wish to schedule Chorus and Band will do so during the PE/Study Hall period and will not have a study hall. The minicourse rotation for 8th grade will be 60 day classes in Technology Education, Art and Health.
 - ✓ Identified Junior High students will be placed in "Study Island" rather than the PSSA Reading and PSSA Math classes. Study Island is a concentrated curriculum aimed at improving PSSA scores.

C. Transition Program in the Junior-Senior High School for Special Education:

- Dr. Golden reviewed the changes in the Special Education schedules that will provide for a Transition Program for all students in grades 9-12 utilizing the existing staff:
 - ✓ A Transition Program is required for all IEP students beyond the age of 14 as they make the transition from school to work or other future plans.

- ✓ A Transition Coordinator will assist those students in reaching that goal and assist the school district in providing the appropriate program in assisting those students.
- ✓ A current member of our Special Education Staff, Petrina Gregory, has completed the required training to perform this role. It would require freeing her for at least ½ of the day to work with 9-12 grade students while they are in their Resource period. This would be done on an itinerant basis in order to contact all of the students requiring transition and with little disturbance to their current Resource periods.
- ✓ In order to do so the other Special Education teachers' schedules will be freed from duties such as lunch duty, study hall duty, etc.
- ✓ With the change in the Junior High schedule we will be eliminating the 8th grade PASS class freeing another duty.
- ✓ With the change in the schedule the senior high PASS class will also be eliminated as the teacher would have room in her schedule for only a single PASS class (rather than the two currently scheduled) or a period to work with groups identified in our Student Assistance Program). That teacher has selected to work with groups and the administration agrees that is an invaluable service and utilization of her last available period of the day.

D. Open Forum – there were no items discussed during the Open Forum segment.

Meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Mike Ognosky

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PROPOSED 8 PERIOD DAY

Homeroom & Period 1	8:05 – 8:53
Period 2	8:56 – 9:39
Period 3	9:42 – 10:25
Period 4	10:28 – 11:11
Lunch 1 5B 6B	11:14 – 11:44 11:47 – 12:30 12:33 – 1:16
5A Lunch 2 6B	11:14 – 11:57 12:00 – 12:30 12:33 – 1:16
5A 6A Lunch 3	11:14 – 11:57 12:00 – 12:43 12:46 – 1:16
Period 7	1:19 – 2:02
Period 8	2:05 – 2:48

Periods will be 43 minutes long with the exception of 1st Period which will be an extra 5 minutes for homeroom. Students will have 3 minutes in between classes.