

**MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER**

**MEETING DATE: JANUARY 22, 2009 7:00 P.M.**

Mrs. Pam Staats  
Chairman

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky  
Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting

I. January 21, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM in the High School Community Learning Center.

II. Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Staats, Doug Wilcox, Chris Caterson and Mary Homan

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky, Jim Tallarico, Russ Canevari and Don Golden

Public Present: Susquehanna Career & Technology Center Representatives Alice Davis, Will Squiers and Dan McGrath, High School Teacher Bill Host.

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

IV. The following New Business items were discussed:

- A. Susquehanna County Career and Technology Center Presentation: Alice Davis, Director of the Center, updated board members and administrators on the new developments in the Center:
- There has been an increased emphasis by the Department of Education and the Federal authorities on “completers”. A completer is a student who completes the program in the required period that coincides with graduation. At the Center those programs are three year programs.
  - The Center offers programs in Auto Technology, Building Trades 1 and II, Business Education, Diversified Occupations, Cosmetology, Food Management and Health Care.
  - Again, it is a three year program with first year students attending in the afternoon (12:15 – 2:16) and second and third year students in the morning (8:15 – 11:45).
  - The Center services the five districts in Susquehanna County as well as Tunkhannock and Lackawanna Trail in Wyoming County.
  - They have purchased new equipment for each of the areas and work closely with business and industry on competencies and curricula to ensure the latest updates are included.
  - The Center has hired additional staff in the last few years in order to meet the needs of individual students and better prepare the students for the NOCTI and PSSA examinations.
  - The presentation was very effective in picturing the activity and advancements that have been made in the program over the past 5 years.
  - Mr. Tallarico will schedule a visit by Mrs. Davis to the High School in the next few weeks in order to address all of our current 9<sup>th</sup> graders regarding the opportunities at the Center.
  - We will then have a follow up meeting with parents of interested students in the evening at the High School.
  - Mr. Ognosky recommended that we begin to enroll 10<sup>th</sup> graders again as the concerns regarding programmatic changes to address the needs of those students who need to stay in the program for 3 years have been satisfactorily addressed.
  - The Board members present and the administration thanked the representatives from the Center for a very thorough and thoughtful presentation.

B. Emotional Support Program at the High School:

- Mr. Tallarico and Dr. Golden reviewed the enrollment and activities within the Emotional Support program during the first five months of its implementation.
- Both are very pleased with what they have seen and praised the professionals in the program for their efforts and hard work. Teacher Julie Fraser and Psychologist Teresa Kaub have done an outstanding job of incorporating the program into the “thread” of the high school.
- Mr. Canevari commented on the behavioral support program that has been put in place within the program as well as throughout the entire school in order to provide for a smooth transition of that program.
- He thanked the staff for their commitment to the new forms that were initiated this year separating classroom behavior from out of class behavior. It has streamlined the processes in his office and improved communication with discipline issues.
- He also thanked the Discipline Committee for their efforts in assisting as a liaison between the staff and administration.

C. District PSSA Testing:

- Mr. Ognosky distributed the Spring PSSA testing schedule in Writing, Reading and Math, and Science per Mr. Adams and thanked Mr. Adams for the excellent job he has done as the new District Testing Coordinator.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

*Mike Ognosky*

Mike Ognosky, Superintendent