

MINUTES

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Board C.I.A. Committee: Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment

North Boone High School, 17828 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

November 19, 2012 at 34:30 PM

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Glen Gratz at 4:34 p.m. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Steven Baule, Mrs. Lindsay Abbeduto, Dr. Bridget Belcastro, Mr. Collin Crull, Ms. Emily Gregory and Mr. Jacob Hubert.

The following Committee members were absent: Mrs. Jeannine DuBois, Mrs. Kristi Crawford, Ms. Rachel Eglite, Mrs. Kristi Franseen, Mr. Matt Klett, Mrs. Melissa Nachampassack, Dr. Sharon Olds, Mrs. Jeannine Plath and Ms. Tracy Schabacker.

Audience to Visitors

(No Audience to Visitors)

Updates: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Items

Curriculum Course Proposals:

Mr. Dustin Berthold, Math Teacher at North Boone High School, presented his proposed new course, Honors Algebra II. In response to Mrs. Abbeduto, he stated that the "I can" statements in his proposal differ slightly from those established by the district. This is a more in-depth and intensive course with a rigorous schedule. There are some statistics included in the course as well as Trigonometry at the end of the course.

Dr. Baule added that this would potentially be a sophomore class, and additional staffing should not be needed.

The Committee also suggested adding Honors Geometry at the same time.

Mr. Hubert estimated that there would be enough students who would take this course.

Mr. Gratz stated that he preferred four rather than three years of math be required in order to graduate high school. However, it was argued that the four-year math requirement would be very difficult for some students.

The Committee recommended that Honors Algebra II be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

Mr. Matt Sbertoli, Science Teacher at North Boone High School, presented his proposed new course, AP Chemistry. This course was designed to give those higher achieving students another science option, and it would prepare students for the AP exam. It was suggested that this course could alternate from year-to-year with AP Biology and given in lieu of regular Chemistry. Some members felt that if students took Algebra II, they would not need AP Chemistry; however, the majority felt differently.

The Committee recommended that AP Chemistry be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

AP Psychology – Mr. Hubert informed the Committee that the Social Studies Teacher, Brian Arenz, who recommended this course, did teach it as a student teacher. It was suggested that the school consider replacing the Diversity class with this course. The Committee also considered pairing this course with Sociology but decided there was no good way to do this. The Committee discussed the need for this type of course.

The Committee recommended that AP Psychology be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

Landscaping and Turf Management – This course was recommended as a one-year course. The thought was to hold an internship at the district in the summer for hands-on experience. Students interested in future studies in architecture would be interested in this class. This course would also attract students from other school districts and CEANCI, similar to outside students who attend North Boone for the Agriculture classes.

Mr. Gratz agreed that if this class would attract students from CEANCI, it would be good for the district.

The Committee recommended that Landscaping and Turf Management be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

ACT Reading – Although helpful to the students, this class would not count toward credit for graduation. This class would be to give students the motivation to improve and prepare for the ACT test rather than punish them with an unnecessary class after not doing well on the ACT.

The Committee recommended that ACT Reading be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

Freshmen Orientation Class – Dr. Baule stated that after the initial excitement of this class, freshmen would soon get bored; however, this would be a good class to consider for the middle school. The Committee also discussed integrating this class with World Cultures. Ultimately, the Committee agreed that this class would have very few benefits.

Career Exploration and Post-Secondary Planning – Mr. Hubert commented that a number of students are going through high school with no thought to the future. Not all students want or feel the need to go on to college, and this class would help those students develop more of a focus on what type of work for which they would like to prepare after high school.

The Committee recommended that Career Exploration and Post-Secondary Planning be taken to the Board of Education for approval.

Other Items for Discussion

(No Other Items for Discussion)

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.