

Minutes of the Curriculum, Instruction, Assessment Meeting

North Boone Community Unit School District #200

Held at North Boone District Office

6248 North Boone School Road

Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Thursday, February 18, 2016 at 3:45 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Mr. Joe Haverly. The following Committee members were present: Dr. Greenlee, Joe Haverly, Mary Maxey, Jake Hubert, Heather Walsh, Tina Babcock, Kristi Franseen, Melissa Nachampassack, Liz Saveley and Kirshna Selchow. Absent: Kelly Hanaman, Mary Piskie, Tracy Schabacker and Mike Winebrenner.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

(none)

SPECIAL EDUCATION COURSE PROPOSAL

Jake Hubert presented a course proposal for life skills students for the 2016-2017 school year. He said this program would introduce students to opportunities available beyond high school. Mr. Hubert stated the course is modeled after a program at Hononegah High School, which has 30 or more participating businesses. At North Boone, life skills students would be transported via school bus to participating businesses to work during their sixth and seventh hours. At this time, Melissa Ford felt there would be three to four students that would participate in the 2016-2017 school year, and they would receive course credit. Mrs. Ford currently offers speech, job skills practice, movies and open discussion, but noted this course would provide them training in a real scenario. Mr. Haverly asked about liability, and rationale for benefits versus cost. Dr. Greenlee said he would investigate the liability piece with our legal representative and the transportation costs with Julia Saunders. Mr. Hubert noted the largest cost to the program was transportation.

The committee agreed to move forward and present to the Board.

GPA AND HONORS COURSE CREDIT

Mr. Hubert said in an effort to level the playing field, the GPA calculation was changed. However, PowerSchool cannot calculate the new GPA formula and therefore, we need to find a solution. The GPA issue affects honors course students and students taking more than six classes. He noted RVC Running Start students have weighted grades and traditional high school students cannot compete. He stated Randy Porter is making a test field in PowerSchool and is in the process of figuring out how this might work. There was discussion of possibly reimbursing AP online course costs or for the cost of the AP test.

Mr. Hubert said currently there is no limit to the number of students participating in Running Start, but in the future we could limit the number or change the GPA from 3.0 to 3.5 to be eligible for the program. We are currently paying \$2K per semester per student to participate in Running Start. He noted CEANCI costs \$1K per student and if the student doesn't perform, the student must reimburse the district. Mr. Hubert would like to see the same reimbursement policy with Running Start students. Kirshna Selchow confirmed students that take the AP class must take the AP test, and that we currently offer 11 AP courses at NBHS.

Melissa Geyman said she would like to see policies of other districts on how they handle similar situations. Mr. Hubert said only one other school in our conference offers more AP courses. He mentioned if the teacher has a master's degree we could have dual credit courses.

Mr. Haverly suggested that RVC could teach at North Boone as a satellite site, and that RVC does this with other schools. Mr. Hubert said he would investigate what area schools are doing and will bring back his findings to the curriculum committee. Heather Walsh said she would like to see higher GPA's to apply for Running Start. Mr. Hubert noted 18 students participated this year, and said we could possibly have 20-30 students participate next year.

OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Dr. Greenlee mentioned we offer hosting school credit for students that take honors classes at other schools, clarifying that if the other school doesn't offer weighted grades, we would not offer weighted grades. Ms. Selchow felt we need to be consistent and have a policy. She provided the example that students have to pay for the CLEP test and can receive college credit but don't ever have to take the test. Mr. Hubert also expressed his desire for equitable grading.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is to be determined. Mr. Haverly said they were waiting for the next Curriculum Action Committee and asked if we were committed to PowerSchool, School Messenger, etc. Dr. Greenlee said it would be a huge undertaking in changeover and costs. He said he would ask the Tech Committee if School Messenger has limitations. Mr. Haverly said he would like statistics on Running Start.

Dr. Greenlee reviewed the 2016-2017 calendar with the committee.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m.

Submitted by:

Joe Haverly, Chair