

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER
MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 10, 2011 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Pam Staats
Chairman

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting

I. February 10, 2011 Curriculum Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM in the Community Learning Center of the Junior-Senior High School.

II. Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Staats, Doug Wilcox, Gloria Smith, and Kathy Mordovancey

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky and Jim Tallarico

Teachers Present: Eric Powers and Bill Host

III. The following items under Old Business were discussed at this evening's meeting:

- **Dual Enrollment Update:** Mr. Tallarico outlined the progress that had been made regarding the establishment of a dual enrollment program at the Junior-Senior High School for the 2011-2012 school year. Here is a review of the information presented:
 - A Dual Enrollment agreement has been made with Luzerne Community College in Nanticoke, Pa. The agreement calls for the offering of Psychology and Chemistry as dual enrollment classes for next year. Students will have the opportunity to enroll in the courses as part of the regular curriculum of the High School and to also have that course be accepted for credit at Luzerne CCC.
 - Luzerne CCC has reviewed the curriculum of both courses as well as the credentials of Mr. Powers (Psychology teacher) and Mrs. Lewis (Chemistry teacher) and found everything to be in order.
 - The courses are \$300 per credit, but our students will pay approximately \$65/credit as it is considered an 'in county' course. Students will be awarded 3 credits for the course.
 - The curriculum for each course does not have to be adjusted. Students will go through the same curriculum as all of the other students in the classroom. Classrooms will contain both non-dual enrollment and dual enrollment students.
 - The plan of the administration is to review the process and procedures of those classes during the course of the 2011-2012 school year. If everything meets our expectations, we will pursue additional course approvals from Luzerne CCC for 2012-2013 as well as reaching out to other colleges regarding dual enrollment agreements with their institutions.

- **Curriculum Scheduling Update:** Mr. Tallarico explained that the plan is to begin the scheduling process for the 2011-2012 school year in mid-March. He will meet shortly with Department Chairpersons and have them submit any potential changes to their Department's offerings for the next year. The course guide will then be developed and the scheduling process will begin. Mrs. Nebzydoski will be scheduling meetings for interested parents and their students in regard to the opportunities available at the Career & Technology Center in conjunction with that schedule.

IV. There were no items discussed under New Business at this evening's meeting:

V. Open Forum – A number of items were brought up during the Open Forum including the following:

- Mr. Ognosky discussed the school calendar for this year as it relates to make up days. As of now, there is no plan to reschedule school on Monday, February 21st. The preference of the administration would be to utilize both the March in-service day (March 18th) and Easter Monday (April 25th) should that become necessary. To date we have utilized 6 snow days- 7 have been built into the calendar.
- In response to a question regarding next year's calendar, Mr. Ognosky explained that the plan is to model the calendar that has been utilized for the past years. That would mean starting prior to Labor Day and a tentative last day of school during the first week of June. Snow days would then be built into the end of the calendar with graduation on the second Saturday following the last originally scheduled day of school.
- In response to a question from Mr. Powers regarding furloughing of non-tenured teachers, Mr. Ognosky explained that it has not been District practice to consider that measure and it will continue our practice to refrain from doing so. We have always closely examined the need for positions as retirements occur and the district will continue to follow that procedure in the future.
- Mr. Ognosky discussed the current impact of Cyber Charter school tuitions on the budget. Currently, the District spends over \$400,000 per year on those tuitions – a huge budgetary impact.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mike Ognosky

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