



CURRICULUM and TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

May 10, 2012

Central Office

7:00 p.m.

THOSE IN ATTENDANCE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello, Sandra Gesek, Christine Syriac, Cathy Goodrich, Paul Lucke, Mary Lavoie

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m.

1. Election of Chairperson

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo/sec., Ed Strumello) to table the election of chairperson until the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello

2. Discussion and possible action on textbook request forms

Cathy Goodrich reviewed the *Foundations of Kinesiology* textbook for the Body Systems course. Jim Garofolo requested clarification of the process for textbook selection process.

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo/sec., Ed Strumello) to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the *Foundations of Kinesiology* textbook for the Body Systems class at Seymour High School

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello

Cathy Goodrich reviewed the *Developing Child* textbook for the Child Development course.

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo/sec., Ed Strumello) to recommend to the full Board the adoption of the *Developing Child* textbook for the Child Developing class at Seymour High School.

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello

3. Discussion and possible action on course approval

Paul Lucke is writing a Perkins related grant to expand the Personal Finance course at Seymour High School. The grant requires that the BOE approve the new course prior to submitting the grant. Paul described the current Personal Finance class and the work the business teachers are doing to expand the course into Personal Finance 1 and Personal Finance 2. The teachers are dividing the Personal Finance standards across the two courses which will permit the opportunity to delve into the topics with greater depth.

Jim Garofolo recommended considering the use of some of the grant funds to bring experts in the field of finance in to the school to share their first-hand knowledge with our students. Paul Lucke shared examples of where that currently is occurring at the high school in several of the business courses with support from Junior Achievement and the Sikorsky Credit Union and he would also like to see that opportunity expand.

MOTION: (Jim Garofolo/sec., Ed Strumello) to approve the Personal Finance 2 course pending the award of the grant monies

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello

4. K-5 English language Arts Curriculum Update

Mary Lavoie updated the committee on the work that has occurred on the K-5 ELA Curriculum over the past year. Mary also shared the timeline of the work that will be done in the next 12 months (attached). We will update the committee again in August/September of 2012.

5. Chairman's Report

None

6. Superintendent's report

None

MOTION: (Ed Strumello/sec., Jim Garofolo) to adjourn the meeting

SO VOTED

AFFIRMATIVE: Jim Garofolo, Ed Strumello

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Christine Syriac