

The School District of Lee County

**Curriculum Advisory Committee
November 21, 2016
6:00 p.m. – Training Room D
Meeting Minutes**

Mission Statement:

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

Committee Members Present:, April Ketron, Melissa Knablin-Liebal, Hilda Lewin, Sandra Mercado, Evelyn Murphy, Suzi Simone, John Steakley, Stephen Whitener, Judy Wilkerson

Committee Members Absent: Thomas Busatta (excused), Elizabeth Blundo (excused), Patricia Givens (excused), Dr. Kelly Lavis (excused absence), Joseph Camputaro (unexcused), Shannon McCutchen (unexcused), Deidre Sullivan (unexcused), Sandra Wright (unexcused)

School Board Liaison Present: Steven Teuber

Staff Members Present: Brandy Macchia and Melissa Robery

Recording Secretary: Jamie Fowler

Guest: none

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by April Ketron at 6:00pm welcoming all committee members.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

April Ketron reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

Reading & approval of the November 21, 2016 agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda as presented by Stephen Whitener, seconded by Judy Wilkerson and all voted to approve.

Reading and Approval of the October 24, 2016 minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by John Steakley, seconded by Stephen Whitener and all voted to approve.

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Board Member Report

An expansion to the board has been made this school year going from 5 members to 7 members. A decision on the chair and vice chair will be made at the next board meeting on Tuesday November 22nd.

The board will make a focused effort to provide action dates and items so advisory committees can help move the district forward.

The development of the school LLL in Bonita is moving forward. A name is being decided on and new programs are being developed.

Social Studies Textbook Review and Share

April Ketron introduced Brandy Macchia and Melissa Robery as the presenters.

This year the district is participating in Social Studies K-12 textbook adoption. The committees will meet in December to hear publisher presentations, review the materials, and make a recommendation to the board.

The Textbook Committee role is to review the materials and make a recommendation to the board. Teachers, community members, students, and 4 Curriculum Advisory Committee Members serving on the Textbook committees. These committees are divided by grade level, elementary, middle and high.

The textbook committees attended training on the process on November 14, 2016. The textbook committees recommendations will be shared at the January 23rd CUAC Meeting. The information will be shared with the Curriculum Advisory committee before it goes to the board. Documentation will be shared explaining how the committees came to their recommendation.

Two textbooks are always recommended to the board just in case one is not on the state adoption list.

After the board adopts the instructional materials, there is a 30 day window when community members have an opportunity to provide input and submit objections. Any input submitted is considered by the board at a public hearing. The board will make a decision about how to move forward and if there needs to be any adjustments made to the adoption.

All textbook resources can be reviewed online at:

<http://www.leeschools.net>

The Lee County rubric is used to help determine which resources best meet the needs of students and teachers. The categories included on the rubric are content, instruction, format, teacher support, assessment, and digital materials.

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Curriculum Advisory Committee members reviewed the materials that are being considered for the adoption and shared the following feedback.

K-5

- Good visual
- Engages students
- Nice communication piece
- Addresses the students' needs
- A lot of authors listed
- Very systematic with options of activities that encourages student writing.

American Government Grade 12

- Very engaging
- Print was up to date
- Critical and creative thinking
- Information on assessment
- Addresses most current events

Us History Grade 11

- Glossary includes Spanish and English
- Standards aligned with Florida standards
- EOC (end of course questions) were included

US History Grade 8

- Engaging questions
- Assessments included in each section
- Glossary includes English and Spanish
- Text is user friendly
- Addresses most current events

US History Grade 11

- Encourages critical thinking
- Includes primary resources
- Great illustration
- Great pace in the chapters for learning

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Online access only Grades 6-12

- Includes world history, US history, Economics
- One con might be internet capability
- Exceeded every criteria
- Encourages students to use past knowledge and bring it to present and present their argument
- Aligns with the standards
- Very individualized in pace and format
- Free webinars for teachers
- Targets all different learning styles
- Print lessons available

Public Comment Guidelines

A motion was made to table public comment guidelines for the January 23rd meeting made by John Steakley, seconded by Stephen Whitener and all voted to approve.

Public Comment

None.

Next Meeting Date Topic

A motion was made for the next meeting topics to be Social Studies textbook recommendations review and the development of the new high school made by John Steakley, seconded by Evelyn Murphy and all voted to approve.

Good of the Order

Motion to end the meeting at 7:50pm made by Melissa Knablin-Liebal seconded by John Steakley and all voted to adjourn.