

RIVER RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY/CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1, 2016

Prior to the start of the meeting, Kerri Schier volunteered, and was accepted, to serve as chairperson for the Policy/Curriculum Committee.

- I. Call to Order - Kerri Schier called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.
- II. Roll Call - Board members present for this meeting included: Jason Cathman, Emilie Mumm, and Kerri Schier. Others present included: Dr. Jeff Athey, Trudy DeSimons, Clay Koenig, Carol Harris, and Kevin Kocer.
- III. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- IV. Statement of Notice
The notice for this meeting was posted at 10:30 am on May 23, 2016. A motion to accept that the meeting was properly noticed was made by Jason Cathman and seconded by Kerri Schier. The motion carried on a voice vote.
- V. Appearances
There was one person from the public in attendance, no one signed up to speak to the Committee.
- VI. Old Business
 - A. **445 Student Interviews with Outside Agency Personnel** -This policy is scheduled for a second reading by the Board on June 16. There were no edits made by the committee.
 - B. **345.6 High School Graduation Requirements** - This policy is scheduled for a second reading by the Board on June 16. There were no edits made by the committee.
- VII. New Business
 - A. Long-Range Plan – “Academics” and “Co & Extracurricular Activities”
The committee discussed citizen task force recommendations regarding long range planning for “Academics”.

Recommendation 1: Offer more High School AP (Advanced Placement) Classes

Committee members asked Administration about current AP offerings. Dr. Athey and C. Koenig noted that students can take AP English Language with Tara Drone and AP US History with Ryan Fox. C. Koenig said Nicole Bailey (science teacher) has expressed interest in teaching AP Biology in 2017/18. AP. courses do fulfill graduation credit requirements. Tara Drone teaches AP English Language to students from other schools, through the Distance Education/SRTNC network. We have a Distance Education/SRTNC classroom at the River Ridge High School. The committee discussed other options students have to complete courses not offered at RRSD (e.g., transcribed credit, Course Options, Youth Options, virtual schools, etc.) Jeff shared that Academic and Career Planning (ACP) must be in place by 2017-2018. This is something that our counselors are currently working on.

Recommendation 2: Offer more hands-on skills and training for daily life/work - The Committee agreed with the citizen task force input that teaching Ag Mechanics and

Construction classes through Tech Ed and Ag is important. Committee members asked whether our shop needs to be upgraded.

Recommendation 4, Action 1: Obtain more E-textbooks, computer upgrades and iPads - The Committee would like to see more use of E textbooks, computer upgrades, and use of iPads (or similar). They also think it is important to have a Smartboard in each classroom.

Recommendation 5, Action 1: Hire a full time librarian who is familiar in technology/computers and can possibly help with keyboarding skills training. - The Committee agrees that keyboarding skills should be taught to elementary students, but questioned whether it has to be taught by a licensed/certified teacher.

Other Discussion re: Long Range Planning for Academics

- 3K/4K Early Childhood Education - We presently offer 4K education, all day on Mondays and Wednesdays and on Tuesdays and Thursdays with every other Friday. Students attend two days a week on one week and three days a week on the alternate week. Dr. Athey would like to find out how our program compares with the programs of surrounding schools. Schools which offer daily 4K (like Prairie du Chien) have seen a tremendous development of language skills. The Committee discussed the idea of daily 4K classes and asked Administration to investigate: a) the cost if we increased the number of days per week, b) potential benefits to students, and c) potential benefits to the district.
- C. Harris asked whether there are options for making a Sign Language class available again.

Co and Extracurricular Activities - Due to time constraints, the Committee was unable to discuss the citizen task force recommendations regarding Co and Extracurricular Activities.

VIII. Next Meeting – The Policy/Curriculum Committee will meet Wednesday, July 6 at 5:15 pm.

IX. Member Suggestions & Recommendations for Future Items

- Clay mentioned that Co-Curricular Code changes need to be approved by the Board before August. He will provide the Committee with information to look at next month.
- We should also take some time to look over the taskforce recommendations pertaining to the long-range plan related to “Co- and Extracurricular”.
- Dr. Athey said he will research WASB sample policies related to “Search and Seizure” as well as “Suspensions and Expulsions”. What we have in place now was last looked at/approved in 1995.

X. Adjournment - Emilie Mumm moved to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jason Cathman. The motion carried on a voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 pm.