

Curriculum Committee Minutes

May 8, 2017

5:00 pm

Members Present: Nancy Justman, Tonnie Schmidt

Others Present: Jason Levash, Susan Saric, Jen Johannsen, Bob Feldkamp, Kyle Fueger, Ryan Matenaer, Wendy Wiesjahn, Deann Seaman and Colleen Hasse.

Meeting was called to order by Nancy Justman at 5:05 pm.

Physical Education Curriculum Goal Team Update

The mission of the WBSD K-12 Physical Education Program is: Preparing ALL students to take ownership in living a healthy and active lifestyle. This is a true K-12 experience with the hope that this will carry on throughout their lives after school.

The Physical Education Goal team currently is meeting the 1st Thursday of the month with a mission to continuously improve curriculum, instruction and assessment by providing strategic and systematic direction, decisions, and action plans resulting in an increase in student growth and achievement and program advancement in physical education. The team is comprised of physical education teachers from all schools across the district. This year the physical education curriculum goal team has been focused on the following goals: students will be equipped to lead a healthy and active lifestyle through the WBSD K-12 PE Standards Based Curriculum, through research in best practices, we will modify curricular implementation and actively communicate leveled expectations, curricular outcomes and what it means to live a healthy and active lifestyle to both students and parents. In pursuit of their goals, they have focused on two supporting strategies: curriculum development which will ensure that the K-12 curriculum in BYOC is accurate and in accordance with district expectations and to continue to modify curriculum to better align to a Standards Based Curriculum.

The focus of Elementary PE is foundational skills, knowledge and values. All elementary grades meet twice a week with each class period being 30 minutes, in addition 3rd and 4th grade students meet an additional 20 minutes each week for a fitness focused class. Activities focus on playground games, cooperative activities, dance, tumbling, gymnastics, long and short jump rope and obstacle courses. The Physical Education staff at each elementary school support many student and family based activities such as field days, jump rope for heart, March madness, family fun runs, and family fitness nights.

Physical education classes at Silverbrook meet every other day for 40 minutes with the focus of fitness, skill development and intro to modified gameplay. The students have exposure to fitness activities, lifetime activities and individual and team sports. The Silverbrook physical education department helps to support the city wide free throw contest, walk to school day and the 5K run/walk event.

The Physical Education program at Badger offers Physical Education every other day or Competitive Education every day and also the option to take 8th grade Health which gives the students the .5 HS credit that is needed for graduation. The variety of PE activities offered include: Soccer, Disc golf, Fitness, volleyball, badminton, team games, adventure education, basketball, ultimate frisbee, and speedball. Community events at Badger that are supported by the physical education department are the Color Run, Hoops for Heart and Field day.

Once students reach the High School there are two required courses: Fitness for Life for 9th grade and Health and Wellness 8-12. The other offerings are electives which can be used to fulfill the graduation requirement. Current electives include: team sports, virtual fitness, lifeguarding (students become certified), personal fitness, lifetime activities, adventure education and strength and conditioning. The goal team is looking to offer new electives at the high school in the future. The HS phy ed team supports student/community events such as: March smashness, workouts at the PEC center and bike to school day.

The Physical Education Goal team in the future will be working on the transition to Standards Based Grading, adding new electives at the High School and increasing the collaboration on community events.

Out of State Field Trip Requests

The Curriculum Committee was presented with the roster of out of state field trips being presented for approval in tonight's consent agenda.

Out of state field trips need to be approved by the full Board yearly per Board Policy 352.1. The Board of Education has the authority to approve such trips on a yearly basis. Recommended extended trips are submitted to the Board of Education for approval in the year prior to the scheduled trip. Out of state field trip requests come to the Curriculum Committee first for review. If there are no questions or no other information is needed, the field trip requests are forwarded to the full Board for approval.

The current list of Out of State Field trips is very standard and none are out of the norm. The cost of the trips are fully student funded except for some of the co-curriculars which are funded by their activities accounts. The list will move forward to the full board as part of the consent agenda on tonight's meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm.