

WYOMISSING AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

630 Evans Avenue
Wyomissing, PA 19610

AGENDA

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Tuesday, May 26, 2009

5:00 p.m.

CHAIRPERSON: Mrs. Lynn T. Sakmann

ASSIGNED MEMBERS: Mrs. Joanne E. McCready
Mrs. Michelle M. Davis
Mr. Lawrence A. Fitzgerald
Mr. Randall E. Hinsey
Mr. John A. Larkin, Ex Officio

STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. Pamela R. Pulkowski
Mr. Brian Gall

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

ANNOUNCEMENT OF RECORDING BY THE PUBLIC

ROLL CALL

MINUTES

Approve Committee Meeting Minutes –

- March 23, 2009 Curriculum/Technology Committee Meeting

PUBLIC COMMENTS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING ON AGENDA VOTING ITEMS ONLY AND ALL AGENDA ITEMS AT THE END OF THE MEETING.

I. Discuss proposed K-6 math series

Background Information:

For the past two years, a team of K-12 teachers has been working to develop a comprehensive, cohesive mathematics program that ensures all students are successful mathematics students and prepared for Algebra. This work continued during the 2008-09 through the efforts of a K-6 Steering Team comprised of teachers, principals, and Dr. Pulkowski.

The result of nearly a year of review and study is the recommendation to purchase enVision mathematics series published by Pearson. The funding to purchase new mathematics materials for K-6 is included in the 2009-10 budget.

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Selection Process:

After establishing a Steering Team, we requested preview sets of materials from a variety of publishers. The next step included meeting with grade level teacher teams to identify the positive attributes of our current program and the features teachers would like to find in a new series. Concurrent with these teacher meetings, the District hosted a parent informational meeting on the evening of January 22, 2008 at the Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center.

Since the parent informational meeting in January, some teachers piloted lessons while others are compared resources to the selection criteria. During after school team meetings the new potential math materials were reviewed in greater depth. The purpose of the after school meetings was to have a concentrated period of time to review, discuss, and compare materials within and across grade levels.

When the teachers narrowed the possibilities to two (2) programs, representatives made presentations to teachers. Consultants were asked specific questions and provided samples and demonstrations of the features and resources of each program. The target date for reaching consensus was the May Curriculum Committee meeting.

Implementation Plan:

We will be using the envision math materials K-6 beginning in august of 2009. We have scheduled teacher training to begin on June 12, 2009, with an additional teacher work day during the summer, another half day of training on August 26, 2009, monthly team meetings, and third training session on October 12, 2009. We will provide ongoing training, teacher work time, and instructional support throughout the first year of implementation.

Communication plan:

In January the district hosted a parent information evening to share the review and selection process with parents. Updates have been posted at the schools' and District websites periodically as well as verbal updates at parent Council Meetings. We will post information about the selection pending Board approval. Finally, at the September Parent Council meeting, we will host a materials showcase and invite parents to a publisher presentation where they will have the opportunity to work with the materials and learn more about these new mathematics resources.

- II. Discuss textbook requests for the 2009-2010 school year.
 - a. enVision Mathematics, Pearson, 2009, for grades K-6; Prentice Hall Grade 7, 2009, (for accelerated grade 6 mathematics) not to exceed \$110,000.
 - b. Vocabulary enrichment program for grades 7-9, \$4,811.30. (See listing of books requested).
 - c. AP Biology: Biology, 8th edition, Prentice Hall, 2008, \$4,649.40.
- III. Review of Elementary Remediation Program

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PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

NEXT CURRICULUM/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: MONDAY,
June 22, 2009