

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Robyn Berke (departed at 7:40 pm) and Ms. Amy Esposito.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Tom Hurley.

Staff members present: Dr. Marie McPadden. **Also present:** Ms. Sue Cohen, Ms. Sheila McCreven and Ms. Jennifer Christie Jump.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, September 01, 2016 at 6:30 pm in the Presentation Room at the Amity District Offices.

1. Call to order: Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm.

Motion by Ms. Esposito, 2nd by Ms. Berke to move item #7 on the agenda to after item #2.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

2. Public comment

Ms. Jump spoke about Amity policies regarding chronic tardiness and chronic illness as they pertain to graduation (as she stated to the full Board at the August 2016 meeting). She suggested that perhaps there should be further education for the staff at Amity in the form of in-service training for 504 compliance.

7. Discussion and formation of questions related to graduation requirements and tardy allowances.

There was discussion regarding how parents are currently notified about possible loss of credit due to absence and tardiness. The Committee reviewed the current policies which are clearly stated in the policy manual. Mr. Browe will ask the high school administration what the timeline is for these notifications and what the implementation and procedure is for them.

3. SBA/CMT/CAPT/SAT assessment

Dr. McPadden gave the Committee an update on the test scores. A full update will be presented to the full Board at the October meeting.

4. Professional development update

Dr. McPadden reported that Narrative 4 came in for the professional development session with a “your story” presentation that had the participation of all in attendance. The feedback from the staff about this session was overwhelmingly positive. There was discussion among the staff about the possibility of this being brought into some classrooms as an educational tool. Dr. McPadden will keep the Committee and the Board updated regarding this.

5. District Steering Committee meeting – September 27, 2016, 2:45 pm

Dr. McPadden invited the Committee members to attend this meeting.

6. Bethany, Orange Woodbridge and Amity (BOWA) curriculum articulation update

Dr. McPadden has meetings on the calendar with each Curriculum Director for the academic year.

8. Other - There was very positive feedback regarding the first day of school at Amity High School.

9. Adjourn - With a quorum no longer present, Mr. Browe adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk