

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

May 22, 2023, 8pm

Boardroom

The Curriculum Committee met in the boardroom for a public meeting on May 22, 2023. The meeting started at 8:30pm.

Committee Chair: Shannon Kuchak

Committee Members in Attendance: Joe Ross, Tracy Wescott, Jaclyn Litwin, Matthew Rakauskas, and Mark Murphy.

Public in Attendance: Joe Strauch, Suzanne Green, Gayle Cobb, Betty Booth, Candace Haft, Missy Bower, and Lauren McNamara.

Committee discussed the following:

- LTEC 2023-2024 Curriculum Guide Revision: Updated to include the following STEM Specials Course Description:

Lackawanna Trail Elementary Center STEM learning will be integrated into the K-6 Chromebook classes. The STEM/Chromebook class will be part of the elementary specials rotation. These classes will develop confident, college and career-oriented learners equipped to solve the problems of the future. In this class, students will see how science, technology, engineering, math and computer science can work together to help build problem solving skills for the future. Students will be using Chromebooks, drones, 3D printer, robots, and other relevant materials to promote STEM academics through fun and engaging classroom lessons.

The STEM education will often be hands-on, allowing students to interact with the STEELS standards-based curriculum on a deeper level. The hands-on learning method will allow students to apply what they are learning to the world around them. The ability for students to apply concepts outside of the classroom shows a higher level of comprehension. Because the students are exercising this skill early in their education, we are setting them up to have increased retention and comprehension of future lessons.

- LTHS AP Capstone Update: The class of 2023 will be the first class to have students graduating with AP Capstone diplomas. Students who receive this

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distinction will have completed a two-year long program built on the foundation of two AP® courses- AP Seminar and AP Research.

- LTSD Annual Standardized Test List 2023-2024: The annual standardized test list was available for review and will be up for approval at the Board Meeting in June.
- Pending Textbook Adoptions: Wilson Foundations, K-2; Big Ideas Math & You, K-ALG I; Practical Research Planning and Design, AP Research; Teen Health/Glencoe Health digital teacher resources, 7-12; American Politics Today and Princeton Review AP U.S. Government & Politics Premium Prep, AP U.S. Government; Century 21 Accounting MultiColumn JOurnal, Accounting; Glencoe Physics Principles and Problems, Physics; Hole's Essentials of Human Anatomy & Physiology, Anatomy
- Supplemental Programming:
 - SEL Programs: Navigate 360, K-12; PATHS/EMOZI, K-6; School Connect, 7-12
 - Bullying Prevention/Healthy Relationships Programs: Various bullying prevention and healthy relationship programs offered through the Victim's Resource Center were discussed.
 - Share the Keys: Safe Driving program was overviewed
 - Prevention Programs: Catch My Breath (train-the-trainer) program was reviewed.
- Timeline:
 - Pending Textbook Adoptions on June Board Agenda and in Preliminary Budget
 - Big Ideas Math & You- Board Approved; Professional Development Scheduled for August 2023
 - Wilson Foundations - K-2 Teachers receiving training at NEIU #19 in May
 - Navigate 360 Professional Development Scheduled for August 2023
- The slideshow with hyperlinks to all textbooks and supplemental programs discussed will be shared with the public on the district website.