

The School District of Lee County

**Curriculum Advisory Committee
February 27, 2017
6:00 p.m. – Training Room D
Meeting Minutes**

Mission Statement:

To advise the School Board by recommending approaches to obtaining improved student achievement for all students through a coherent, rigorous academic course of study that provides the tools necessary to succeed in today's society. Emphasis will be placed on the dynamic development of a K-12 curriculum within a safe environment leading to both career and technical majors, the methods of instruction used to implement it, and the assessments of its effectiveness, together with a complementary professional development program to support it.

Committee Members Present:, April Ketron, Melissa Knablin-Liebal, Evelyn Murphy, Suzi Simone, John Steakley, Dr. Larry Tihen, Stephen Whitener, Judy Wilkerson, Sandra Wright

Committee Members Absent: Elizabeth Blundo (excused) Thomas Busatta (excused), Joseph Camputaro (excused), Patricia Givens (unexcused) Dr. Kelly Lavis (excused), Hilda Lewin (excused), Sandra Mercado (unexcused), Deidre Sullivan Mann (unexcused)

School Board Liaison Present: Steven Teuber

Staff Members Present: Brandy Macchia

Recording Secretary: Jamie Fowler

Guest: none

Welcome and Introduction of Members

The meeting was called to order by April Ketron at 6:04pm welcoming all committee members.

Review of Mission Statement and Purpose of Committee

April Ketron reviewed the mission statement and reminded everyone of the purpose of the committee.

Reading & approval of the February 27, 2017 agenda

There was a motion to approve the agenda as presented by Dr. Larry Tihen, seconded by Judy Wilkerson and all voted to approve.

Reading and Approval of the January 23, 2017 minutes

There was a motion to approve the minutes as presented by Evelyn Murphy, seconded by Stephen Whitener and all voted to approve.

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Board Member Report

At the last Board meeting the recommendations for the Social Studies textbook adoption were well presentation to the Board. The Board will vote on the recommendations at the March 7th board meeting.

Dr Adkins has a team working on English Language Arts standards. The focus is to have a greater depth of understanding of the concepts in the standards and creating a building block before moving on to the next. Math will be the next subject area to be presented.

Standards

Florida is now using the Florida Standards. The Florida standards include skills and reflect the complexity of the cognitive process.

Each standard has a code that gives you the subject area, grade level, and what standard it goes with. The standard will explain what the task is and what cognitive complexity a student needs to be at.

Positives in our schools

- Teachers recognizing disabilities
- Creative writing clubs
- Writing Boot camps
- Students did well in reading and Math

Concerns

- ELA (the mechanics)
 - Grammar
 - Structure
 - Handwriting/cursive
- Writing integrated in other subjects
- Parent/teacher responsibility

Questions

- Writing – MS/HS requirements? (Social Studies/Science)
- Can a survey be created for writing to be completed by the teachers and students?

Public Comment Guidelines

There was a motion made to remove public comment guidelines from the agenda made by Melissa Knablin-Liebal seconded by Evelyn Murphy and all voted to approve.

Public Comment

None.

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Next Meeting Date Topic: Career & Technical Education

A motion was made to have Career & Technical Education and District Exceptional Student Education services presented at the March meeting and to have any questions regarding the standards and writing answered at the April meeting made by Judy Wilkerson seconded by Evelyn Murphy and all voted to approve.

Good of the Order

Motion to end the meeting at 7:31pm made by Melissa Knablin-Liebal seconded by Suzi Simone and all voted to adjourn.