

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting January 11, 2023

Committee Members: Dana Miller (Chair), Don Ickes, Andy Schulz, Steve Karns, Dan Mennow, Justin Whitford

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Agenda Items:

1. *The Committee moves to approve **the 2022-2023 GMSD substitute teacher list***
2. *The Committee moves to approve the following FMLA (maternity) leave*
3. *The Committee moves to approve the following instructional resignation*
4. *The Committee moves to approve the following students for tuition acceptance for the 2022-2023 school year.*
5. The Committee moves to approve the following field trip requests:
 - a. Mr. Scott Hutchison (James W. Parker Middle School) has requested to take the 7th Grade class to Kennywood Amusement Park in Pittsburgh on June 6, 2023.
 - i. The cost of the trip for each student is \$110 each, which includes chartered transportation, admission to the park, a class t-shirt, lunch and dinner. The cost of the trip will be offset by participation in a fundraiser conducted in February.
 - b. Mr. Scott Hutchison (James W. Parker Middle School) has requested to take a group of 6th to 8th grade students to the MathCounts middle school math competition on February 11, 2023, at Gannon University.
 - i. There is no additional cost to any student to attend this event. Parents will be able to drop their student off at the event or the group will utilize one General McLane School District mini bus, if necessary.
6. *The Committee moves to approve the following letter of appointment teacher position at James W. Parker Middle School*
7. The Committee moves to approve the agreement between General McLane School District and Virtual Academy Services of the Warren County School District.
 - a. Virtual Academy Services of the Warren County School District will be used to provide cyber courses to students in General McLane in addition to VLN.
 - b. Site Maintenance and Support for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year is \$1,250. Courses are \$600 for a full credit and \$300 for a half credit.
 - c. At the end of the school year, a decision will be made to remain with VLN or utilize Virtual Academy Service of the Warren County School District in the 2023-2024 school year.

*Items in italics are matters of personnel and will be discussed during an executive session of the Curriculum & Instruction Committee

Items for Discussion:

1. Future items
 - a. Approval of AP courses at the High School
 - b. Approval of a math resource in grades 5-8

c. K-12 Guidance Plan

Minutes:

1. The committee met in executive session to discuss the personnel items included on the agenda.
2. The committee discussed the two field trips included in item 5.
3. The committee discussed the proposal to enter into an agreement with Virtual Academy Services of Warren County School District (item 7) as an additional provider of cyber courses for GM students. This option would be in addition to VLN, which is currently our only provider of cyber courses. Joining at the semester will allow us to evaluate the Virtual Academy Services' platform and course catalog as we discuss how to offer cyber courses to GM students in the future.
4. The committee had a dialogue about AP offerings at GMHS. The administration intends to present the board with additional AP offerings to be included in the GMHS program of studies in February.
5. The committee was updated on the progress to select a math resource in the Middle School to begin implementing in the 2023-2024 school year. Initially, I had intended to include the entire math department K-8. However, due to the challenge of implementing the foundational reading program, it was decided that it would be helpful to wait a year in the elementary schools.
6. The committee discussed the fact that an eighth-grade trip to Darian Lake will likely be on the agenda next week.
7. Mrs. Miller asked about the GMHS grading scale. Interested teachers in the Middle School and High School will be participating in a book study on, "Grading Smarter, Not Harder." Out of that book study, the intention is to draft an administrative procedure for grading to be followed in both schools.
8. The committee also discussed course failures and how the High School administration and school counselors work to set students up to succeed through the scheduling process.