

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting

May 10, 2023

GMHS Room 505

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

Present: Don Ickes, Andy Shulz, Dan Mennow, Steve Karns

Agenda Items:

1. *The Committee moves to approve additions to the 2022-2023 GMSD substitute teacher list*
2. *The Committee moves to approve the following recommendation(s) for open position(s) for the 2023-2024 School Year.*
3. *The Committee moves to approve Curricular Supplemental Contracts for the summer of 2023.*
4. *The Committee moves to approve the following FMLA maternity leaves*
5. *The Committee moves to ratify the following FMLA leaves*
6. *The Committee moves to ratify the following long-term substitute positions*
7. The Committee moves to approve the AP Summer Institute Conference Request as follows:
 - a. Mrs. Mary Anne Cousins and Mrs. Melanie Mischler will attend the AP Seminar conference in person at Goucher College (Baltimore, MD)
 - b. The conference goes from July 10-14, 2023. They will use Sunday, July 9, 2023 as a travel day
 - c. Mrs. Cousins applied for and received a grant to attend the conference for free.
8. The Committee moves to approve the AP CS Principles Workshop Conference Request as follows:
 - a. Ms. Victoria Hansen will attend the conference in person at IU3 in Homestead, Pennsylvania
 - b. The conference goes from July 24-27, 2023. She will use Sunday, July 23, 2023 as a travel day.
 - c. The conference fee is ½ price thanks to support from Allegheny Intermediate Unit and Code.org.
9. The Committee moves to approve the adoption of resources by the James W Parker Middle School math department as follows:
 - a. Reveal Math (McGraw Hill) for six years beginning in the 2023-2024 school year
10. The Committee moves to approve Curriculum Revisions and Adoptions for the following courses:
 - a. AP Computer Science Principles
 - i. This course was approved at the February meeting to be included in the GMHS program of studies for the 2023-2024 school year
 - ii. This is a formalization of the curriculum map that will be utilized in that course
 - b. Coding
11. The Committee moves to approve the College in High School Enrollment Agreement Between Robert Morris University and General McLane High School

- a. Course Titles and Numbers (the “Courses”) will be taught by the high school teachers listed in Appendix A (“the Appointed Teacher”) with approval from the applicable RMU Department Head (the “Department Head”), of the Department, also listed in Appendix A.
 - b. The Appointed Teachers, or such other School teacher, will teach the Course on the School’s premises. Appointed Teachers will provide a roster of all students who are taking the Course for RMU.
 - c. The School shall permit RMU faculty and/or students to participate in one (1) Course session at the School, on a date to be mutually agreed upon.
12. The Committee moves to approve the application for Flexible Instructional Days for the 2023-2024 school year
- a. A Flexible Instructional Day will be used if the Superintendent determines that students are unable to attend school in person.
 - b. The Flexible Instructional Day would not need to be made up later in the school year.
 - c. The plan includes accommodations for students without internet at home, as well as students with disabilities.
 - d. The plan also includes procedures for tracking and reporting attendance.

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

Items for Discussion:

- 1.

Minutes:

- 1. The committee met in executive session to discuss agenda items 1-6 related to personnel.
- 2. The committee discussed the requests to approve teachers’ attendance at AP Summer Institutes as listed in agenda items 7 and 8.
- 3. The committee discussed the process at the Middle School that resulted in the recommendation to purchase Reveal Math (McGraw Hill). If approved, Reveal Math will be used in all middle school math courses with the exception of Algebra 2 for the next six school years beginning in 2023-2024.
- 4. The committee discussed the AP Computer Science Principles and Coding coursemaps. Those coursemaps are up for approval on May 17, 2023.
- 5. The committee discussed the RMU College in the High School General Psychology course. Dr. Karns explained that the MOU will be removed from the May agenda. The MOU will be updated for the 2023-2024 school year. The intention is to have the RMU MOU on the June agenda for approval, along with the course syllabus.
- 6. The committee discussed the application for Flexible Instructional Days for the 2023-2024 school year. If approved, that application will be submitted to PDE for approval. The application includes information on how students without internet access will be able to fulfill the necessary requirements to be considered present.