

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Committee Meeting
Wednesday, December 14, 2016
District Board Room (455 Aztalan Street)
7:15 a.m.

Chair Richard Wrench called the meeting to order.

Members Present were: Mark Siewert, Richard Wrench, Superintendent Michael Garvey, Elementary Principal Kristine Blakeley, MS/HS Principal Neil O'Connell, and Director of Teaching & Learning Lisa Krohn

Member Absent: Kellie Loeb

Also Present: PE Teacher Mike Flood, Guidance Counselor Merry Frank, Students Kaitlyn Woodward, Kortney Becker, and Desmond Holleman

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted pursuant to § 19.84(1) Wis. Statutes.

Motion by Siewert/Wrench to adopt the agenda as posted with the exception of moving item 6 before item 5. Motion Carried.

Mike Flood proposed the creation of a Ski Club. He informed the Committee that he had selected 14 students who met his criteria to be in the club. He proposed that he take 7 students at a time and proposed scheduling the four trips on the Wednesdays in February.

Mr. Wrench questioned the appropriateness of a club membership being so exclusive. He was supportive of a ski club but thought it should be open to the student body. Mr. Siewert echoed Mr. Wrench's comments. Mr. Siewert said he could support limiting to juniors and seniors but could not support limiting membership to a hand-picked few.

Mr. O'Connell informed the Committee that he could not support a club that was so selective. He also had an issue with the club taking their trips exclusively during the school day. Most clubs, when they have control over scheduling, schedule their events on evenings, weekends or non-school days.

Mr. Wrench asked for the item to be on the next Board agenda.

Mr. Flood told the Committee that if those were the rules that the District would require (open membership and limit loss of instructional time) he was no longer interested.

Mr. Wrench rescinded his request to place the item on the Board agenda.

Dr. Garvey reminded the Committee that the class of 2017 was the first class to have the exit interview and portfolio as a graduation requirement. Mrs. Frank introduced the three student presenters.

Kaitlyn Woodward, Kortney Becker, and Desmond Holleman presented parts of their portfolio so that the Committee was able to see what the portfolio looks like. Desmond Holleman recommended that the teachers be asked to encourage students to place items in their portfolios after completing an assignment, receiving a high test score, or to demonstrate work on a significant project.

The Committee members complimented the student presenters on a job well done and had them answer a couple of questions.

Mrs. Frank asked the Committee to approve a couple of minor changes in the portfolio handbook in order to align the District's expectations and checklist with the State guidelines which were just released. These minor changes will go into effect for the class of 2018. The Committee concurred.

Mrs. Blakeley informed the Board about work the Mental Health has been doing. She and Dr. Garvey provided information about possible grants. Dr. Garvey also informed the Committee that he and the administrative team members have been looking into hiring a social worker to complete some of the tasks that the School Psychologist usually does while they continue to look for a full time School Psychologist.

The next meeting will be January 11, 2017. It will be held in the Elementary School at 7:15 am and focus on Art and Music.

Motion by Siewert/Wrensch to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D.
Superintendent