

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF JOHNSON CREEK
Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
9:00 a.m.
Jr./Sr. High Conference Room

Chair Kellie Loeb called the meeting to order.

Members present: Rick Kaltenberg, Kellie Loeb, Don Battenberg, Board President Jamie Hombsch, District Administrator Michael Garvey, Elementary Principal/Pupil Services Director Kristine Blakeley, and health teacher Marcus Novak (arrived at 9:30).

Dr. Garvey verified that the meeting was properly posted.

Motion by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to adopt the agenda with additional discussion topics of health course sequence, number of failing grades at the jr./sr. high, GT parent advisory groups and changing the order of the agenda items. Motion passed.

Dr. Garvey reported that Mr. Johnson held one cross-country informational session where no one attended. He will hold one more next week to determine interest.

Dr. Garvey and the Board members reviewed materials about AVID. The Committee would like to hold an evening meeting, invite staff and other Board members, and have a representative from AVID present the program.

Moved by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to recommend to the full Board that the Board adopt Math Expressions (K-5) and McDougal Littell (grades 6-11). Motion passed.

Beginning in 2009-2010 Math Expressions will be adopted K-5. Course I of McGougal Littell will be used in grade 6, Course II in grade 7, algebra will be taught in grades 8, 9, and 10. In the future, possibly beginning in 2010-11, Course I will be used for differentiation, Course II will be used in 6th grade and algebra will be taught in 7th and 8th grade.

Committee members expressed that they are concerned that students currently are being discouraged from taking math courses on an accelerated schedule at the high school.

Mr. Novak shared a concern about the implementation of the 10th grade health and life skills course due to be offered in 2009-2010. In hindsight, the current 9th grade students should not have had health this year.

Moved by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to support the change in implementation of the new health curriculum which would include offering the 10th grade health/life skills course to those that have not taken 9th grade health and that beginning in 2009-2010, 9th grade health would not be offered and the 10th grade health/life skills course would be fully implemented in 2010-2011. Motion passed.

Mr. Battenberg shared information from another district about a GT parent advisory group.

Moved by Battenberg/Kaltenberg to adjourn. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael P. Garvey, Ph.D.
District Administrator