

MONTROSE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA

MEETING DATE: APRIL 22, 2008 7:00 P.M.

Mrs. Pam Staats
Chairman

Mr. Michael F. Ognosky
Superintendent of Schools

Curriculum Committee Meeting

I. April 22, 2008 Curriculum Committee meeting began at 7:00 PM in the High School cafeteria.

II. Board Members Present: Chairperson Pam Staats, Gloria Smith, Chris Caterson and Mary Homan

Administrators Present: Mike Ognosky and Don Golden

Public Present: Guidance Counselor Angie Nebzydoski and Amy Duffy, Head Therapist in the Elk Lake Elementary Partial Program.

III. The following Old Business items were discussed:

- A. Approval of Math Curriculum Texts – The Board will be asked to approve the list of new Math texts selected by the Math Curriculum Team this year. That list will be forwarded to the Board prior to the May meeting, with approval at that meeting. Those lists had been reviewed by the Curriculum Committee at the February, 2008 meeting.

IV. The following New Business items were discussed:

A. School Wide Behavioral Support Program:

- Mrs. Staats began by reviewing the results of a survey conducted by the High School PASS class that asked for teacher and student perceptions of issues such as bullying, rumors, etc. that indicate the need for a school wide behavioral support program in the High School to be placed in conjunction with the implementation of an Emotional Support program at the start of the 2008-2009 school year. I have included a copy of the survey and results with the minutes.
- Mr. Ognosky explained that the High School Administration has had an initial meeting with personnel from the NEIU 19 to discuss a School Wide Behavioral Support Program and the second of those meetings will be held on Thursday, May 1st. The initial goals will be to provide for a consistent, universal referral process to be utilized by all staff in the High School that will include a feedback section for each referral to be completed by the administration. The second goal will be to provide a classroom management system for all staff members to be followed in order to provide consistent classroom management techniques by all staff.
- Both components will be essential in the successful operation of an Emotional Support Program as it will provide teachers with a consistent path to follow in handling all student discipline issues, not only Emotional Support student issues..

B. Emotional Support Program:

- Mr. Ognosky reviewed the current progress made in the establishment of an Emotional Support Program for the 2008-2009 school year. An Emotional Support Teacher position and a Crisis Counselor position have both been posted and applications have already begun to arrive. That

- posting is up on Friday, May 9th and Mr. Tallarico and Dr. Golden will put a building level team in place to conduct the first round of interviews during the week of May 12th. A second round of interviews will then be held during the week of May 16th.
- Mr. Tallarico has conducted a review of the building and has a number of options for placement of the classroom and the counseling center. With the completion of the selection of the successful candidates, a room selection will be made and the rooms will be prepared in time for the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year.
 - Mrs. Staats suggested that the minutes of the meeting be circulated to the entire staff and a building meeting be established to explain to the staff that the creation of an Emotional Support Program at the Junior-Senior High School will be a reality for the 2008-2009 school year. Mr. Ognosky will conduct the initial meeting and a follow up meeting will then be established to address any concerns or questions. Minutes will be circulated to the staff following their approval at the May 12, 2008 meeting. Mr. Ognosky will conduct the building meeting the week of May 12th.

With no further discussion on the matter before them, Mrs. Staats adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Mike Ognosky

Mike Ognosky, Superintendent