

Minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting held on March 28, 2016, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: C. Carver, K. Brooks, T. Yonsky

R. Renner, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 6:30 PM:

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Jennifer Ackerman

Mr. Larry Craybas (Ex. Officio)

Mrs. Courtney Martin

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Scott Clayton

1. Discussion - 2016 Trip to Paris

Given the recent events that have occurred in Brussels, the Curriculum Committee discussed options the district has regarding our international trip to Paris, Normandy, and Barcelona scheduled from July 25, 2016- August 5, 2016:

- 1) Keep the trip as scheduled
- 2) Change the itinerary for this summer
- 3) Change the dates of the trip to spring break 2017
- 4) Cancel the trip

Committee members discussed the concerns for security and safety of students and the State Department's travel alert. They also discussed concerns about making decisions within the contracted timeline and required deadlines in a timely manner. It was the consensus of the committee to gather more parent feedback via a parent survey on the options for the group. A parent meeting already scheduled for April 4th at BHS will now include discussion of parent survey and the groups options. The group will come to the committee with a recommendation for action.

2. Audience Participation

Selina Ballard, 140 Rockwell Road, spoke in favor of the trip as is.

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Sara Pallas, 14 Spring Hill Lane, spoke in favor of trip not being postponed to another year. If so, does not want to participate.

Kim Lemone, 13 Allen Way, spoke in favor of allowing students to travel even if itinerary locations need to be changed.

EF Tours Representative stated other groups have not made changes and have either traveled or will travel as planned. A small percentage have changed the itinerary. No groups have traveled through Brussels since the incident. He answered questions and talked about options.

3. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder