

**Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting held on October 08, 2013, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.**

**Attendance: None.**

**Administrative Attendance: K. Smith, J. Jordan, T. Yonsky**

**L. Craybas, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.**

**Board Members Present: Attendance Taken at 7:02 PM:**

**Present Board Members:**

- Mr. Scott Clayton**
- Mr. Larry Craybas (Ex. Officio)**
- Mrs. Robin Renner**
- Mr. Ted Stevenson**

**Absent Board Members:**

- Mrs. Kristen Lacey (Alt)**
- Mrs. Melanie O'Brien**

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**1. Middle School Math Revisions**

**1.A. BMS Grade 6 Mathematics Program**

**1.B. Grade 7 (CC7) Math Curriculum & Accelerated Grade 7 (CC7-8) Math Curriculum**

**1.C. Grade 8 Math Curriculum**

Discussion:

Reviewed changes in grade 6, grade 7, grade 7/8 accelerated, and grade 8.

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend that the Grade 6, Grade 7, Accelerated Grade 7/8, and Grade 8 Mathematics curriculum changes be approved by the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

## 2. Elementary Math Pacing Guides for K-5

Discussion:

Reviewed changes:

1. Mathematical Practice Standards have been aligned to chapters in Go Math and added to pacing guides in all six grade levels.
2. Focus areas are highlighted on the curriculum document so teachers are completely clear.
3. Pacing has been adjusted to allow for more instructional time in the focus areas.
4. Essential Questions have been added for each chapter on the pacing guide.
5. Common Core Claims for Mathematics have replaced mathematical communication and reasoning standards in the former documents.
6. Assessments have been sharpened, and data collection is more organized.

Discussed parent support and outreach to help parents with curriculum. A. Weed, LIT, is doing workshops for parents and there is also electronic support for parents.

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend that the K-5 Mathematics revisions be approved by the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Scott Clayton.

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

## 3. BMS World Languages Curriculum Revisions

Discussion:

Reviewed changes. The Spanish and French Grade 8 curriculum was updated in order to accomplish the following:

1. to align the ACTFL World Language standards with the Common Core;
2. to align our district power standards with the ACTFL standards;
3. to include specific, highly engaging instructional tasks for each mode of communication (interpretive, interpersonal, presentational) in each unit of study;
4. to include performance tasks and other integrated performance assessments for each unit of study;
5. to update the assessment rubrics and classroom resources used to assess and teach.

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend that the Grade 8 Spanish and French curriculum changes be approved by the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a

second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

#### 4. Freshman Academy Revisions & Sophomore English Revisions

Discussion:

Reviewed changes. The changes in the grades 9 and 10 curriculum documents were driven by the Common Core Standards and by the College & Career Readiness Standards. As a result, there is a greater emphasis on:

1. collaborative work groups (and the skills needed to run them effectively);
2. the reading of many differing perspectives on a topic;
3. reading a text through a variety of lenses (feminist, historical, cultural, and so forth);
4. the synthesis of information across sources and texts;
5. the analysis of multiple sources or works by the same author or on a particular topic;
- and
6. the increase in the use of informational (non-fiction material).

**Motion Passed:** Move to recommend that the Grades 9 and 10 English curricula changes be approved by the Board of Education. Passed with a motion by Mrs. Robin Renner and a second by Mr. Larry Craybas.

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

#### 5. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

#### 6. Adjourn

**Motion Passed:** Move to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Passed with a motion by Mr. Scott Clayton and a second by Mr. Ted Stevenson.

Mr. Scott Clayton	Yes
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Mr. Larry Craybas	Yes
Mrs. Kristen Lacey	Absent
Mrs. Melanie O'Brien	Absent
Mrs. Robin Renner	Yes
Mr. Ted Stevenson	Yes

Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Pare  
Board Recorder