

Tentative minutes of the Bethel Board of Education Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting held on April 03, 2014, in Board of Education Conf. Room E.

Attendance: None.

Administrative Attendance: J. Jordan, M. Lerz (arrived 6:50)

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

Mrs. Melanie O'Brien

Mrs. Robin Renner

Absent Board Members:

Mr. Stuart Carlsen (Alternate)

Mr. Scott Clayton

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1. Spanish Exchange Trip

Discussion:

The World Language Department would like to sponsor an exchange program between Spain and Bethel. The exchange program would be with Essex School in Castellon and Colegio Retamar in Madrid. This trip will be offered to any Bethel High School student who studies a world language and is interested in learning about the Spanish culture. They hope to have a total of 23 host families this summer in Bethel (2014) and to have another 23 students travel to Castellon, Spain next summer (2015).

The committee discussed the exchange students' participation in the Park and Recreation program over the summer, the cost of the trip for Bethel students, and ages of Bethel students participating. The committee discussed and confirmed background checks will be done on all host families in both Bethel and Spain.

Ms. Taranovich, BHS Spanish Teacher/Curriculum Coordinator, and Ms. Lerz, BHS Assistant Principal, answered questions from the committee.

Recommend to full Board for approval.

2. K-5 Language Arts

Discussion:

Committee reviewed the Grade 5 and Grade 1 changes. Discussed rubrics and scoring. Recommend to full Board for approval.

3. International Business

Discussion:

The Applied Studies department is working to update all of its curriculum documents. International Business is the first major revision to be completed this year.

Committee discussed course format. Course is an elective course for grades 10 & 11. Pre-requisite is Intro to Business.

Recommend to full Board for approval.

4. Audience Participation

Discussion:

None.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pare
Board Recorder