



NEW HOPE-SOLEBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT
*Engaging, Enriching, and Empowering All Students
through a World-Class Education*

Curriculum Advisory Committee

1/11/2018
7:15 PM UES LGI

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including committees, are audio recorded.*

Call to Order

Approve Minutes from the (October 5, 2017) Meeting - Motion to approve, seconded and approved.

Old Business

- Gifted programming overview - Teachers of the Gifted
 - Mrs. Marton began the discussion by giving an overview of the process of identification and evaluation. Mrs. Marton spoke about the new Gifted Screener implemented in grade 2 moving off of a pilot year. Strength based GIEP are now
 - Dr. McKenna spoke to the elementary programming at the LES and UES. Focus on individual student strengths via enrichment and extensions. Real world application and problem solving are prevalent as well as literacy extensions and writing. Grade level novels have been introduced this year among other differentiated and problem solving approaches - STEM and Maker. "Genius Hour" will be introduced this year in the second semester facilitated
 - Mr. Malone spoke to the various elective options at the MS. Mr. Malone spoke to the newer focus that Mrs. Chuma has taken in developing newer/fresher electives around the areas of Math, English, Social Studies, and Science. These rotations challenge students in a project based learning environment to advance critical thinking and problem solving.
 - Mr. Elvey, teacher of the gifted and social studies at the HS, spoke to the programming at the HS. Math League, Knowledge Masters Open, Individual Enrichment Option, TEducation, and Mock Trial as highlights. Mr. Elvey spoke to his College Collaboration offerings and assisting HS students

navigate the college process. Finally, Mr. Elvey spoke to the virtual options that students can participate in that can warrant collegiate credit while in HS. For 2018-19, Gifted Seminar will be a new highlight to navigate

New Business

- Technology education overview - Dr. Amanda Benolken
 - Happenings across the district around Education Technology
 - Ms. Benolken gave an overview of what has been happening k-12
 - Maker spaces at the LES and UES
 - 1:1 at MS and HS as well as grades 3,4,5 recently
 - G Suite for Education
 - Biweekly grade level PLC focus on tech integration
 - Hour of Code in December
 - Mr. Smith spoke to the MS Makerspace
 - Has come along way from last year. Thanks to parent donation for new furniture and equipment as well as Ed Fund and PTG!
 - Hopeful for more integration opportunities in the curriculum.
 - Students design, test and fail. Repeat the process and learn from mistakes.
 - Mrs. Benolken spoke to the success at the HS around 1:1 initiative and Canvas LMS.
 - Mrs. Benolken announced that Google has selected our school district to showcase “augmented reality” program for our UES students. This a really great opportunity for district.
 - Cohort of teachers going through Google Certification at the moment.
 - Mrs. Benolken will be attending a prestigious conference in Texas to share with our school district.
- Programs of Studies and Course Selection process - HS and MS
 - New courses and a review of timelines.
 - co-taught robotics classes and new AP courses from last year have been going will.
 - For 2018-19 - AP Economics was presented by Mr. Achenbach. It will be on a rotation with AP European. AP Economics will be available in 2019-2020.
 - Madrigal Choir for 9th and 10th students. More opportunities for underclassmen for those who qualify.
 - Addition of Gifted Seminar for 9th and 10th grade students. Preferably for incoming 9th grader if schedule allows.
 - Global Extensions class in lieu of Pre-Ap for 9th graders will be available for all students who wish to experience the challenge of an AP-like course.
- Review of District happenings and upcoming events
 - Semester end 1/26
 - Professional Development 2/15 and 2/16
 - Snow Makeup procedures
 - PSSA and Keystone Exams
- New Career Readiness standards

- Implementation of new requirements
- Tabled for next CAC meeting

Public Comment

- Question about supplement for MS programming to better serve them in the general education setting. Would like to see teacher push into other content areas. Mr. Malone spoke to the scheduling constraints for a teacher
- At the HS, there are natural elective options that satisfy the academic needs of the student at that level.
- Question around GIEP goals changing with curricular changes.
- Are GIEP based on curriculum? Mrs. Martin spoke to the individualized strengths based process of developing goals.
- Is there a written curriculum? Mrs. Martin spoke to the general education curriculum as the guide...extension and enrich based on need.
- There were questions regarding technology offerings.
- No questions regarding course selection. All should look to HS and MS web sites, Twitter and seek counselors/principals for information regarding scheduling process.
- Mr. Malone spoke briefly to upcoming events regarding end of semester, state assessments and upcoming Professional Development. The 2nd annual Best Practices Showcase will be February 15th, which is a "convention style" professional development opportunity showcasing New Hope-Solebury best practices in teaching.
- Tabled for next meeting - Career Readiness.s
- Next Meeting - Thursday March 1, 2018 @ 7:15 in the UES Library

Adjournment

- **Mr. Ordover adjourned the meeting at 8:30.**



CAC Meeting Sign-In and Attendance 1/11/2018

Name (Please Print)	Committee (C) or Public (P)
ANDREW ORDOVER	(C) P
Chuck Moran	(C) P
Alyssa Marten	(C) P
Kristine Crumby	(C) P
Liz Sweeney	(C) P
C. Smith	C (P)
Amanda Benoitken	(C) P
Layla Phillips	C (P)
Dotti Lund	(C) P
Ross + Roxanne Apparicio	C (P)
Steve Sauer	(C) P
Ellen Stefel	(C) P
Allison Glickman	C (P)
Wenmei Ge	(C) P
AMY HEFFMAN	(C) P
Komal Pherwani	C (P)
Jen Bastian	C (P)
Erik Pedersen	(C) P
Stephanie Marrone	(C) P
Fred Achenbach	C P (Teacher)
Jin Joshi	C (P)
K. A. Elmy	C P Teacher

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