

## **Curriculum Committee Meeting**

October 16, 2019 9:00 a.m.

Central Office Conference Room

### **1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

#### Present Committee Members:

Taffy Miller (Chairperson), Ellen Uzenoff, Anthony Pesco

#### Present Administration:

Kenneth Craw, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent; Dan Doak, WMS Principal; Pattie Falber, WIS Principal; Laura Kaddis, HES Principal; Elizabeth Morris, K-12 Music CIL

#### Members of the Public:

Gina Albert

### **2. Review of K-5 Optimization Report Dated March 12, 2019**

Discussion:

- The Committee reviewed the K-5 optimization report that was previously presented to the Curriculum Committee last March as part of the budget process.

### **3. Review of WMS Optimization Report Dated February 12, 2019**

Discussion:

- The Committee reviewed the WMS optimization report that was previously presented to the Curriculum Committee last winter as part of the budget process.

### **4. Information on WHS Music Trip to New Orleans February 23, 2020**

Discussion:

- This music overnight trip is jazz-focused and will bring several ensembles—namely, Jazz Band, Jazz Ensemble, Symphonic Orchestra, String Orchestra, Concert Choir and Chamber Singers.
- Ensembles will participate in choral, orchestra and jazz master classes with a local university performing arts community, as well as prepare a concert and perform at the World War II Museum, Palm Court Jazz Café and Natchez Steamboat Dock.
- Included in the itinerary are tours of World War II Museum, Louisiana Swamp Tour, Riverwalk Marketplace and walking tour of the French Quarter.

## **5. Information on WMS Exchange Program with French School**

Discussion:

- The WMS French teacher has developed a relationship with a school in Artix, France through written (pen pal) and video exchange and is exploring the possibility of a student exchange program.
- Students from France would visit in October 2020, stay with host families and attend classes with WMS students; then Weston students would visit France in April 2021.
- The exchange would be for third-year (grade 8) WMS French students. The suggested plan would be for pairs of students to stay with host families.
- If the program is approved, the exchange will go forward with Artix, France students visiting Weston, but the trip for WMS students depends upon enrollment.

## **6. Update on WPS Homework Policy Revision Process**

Discussion:

- Committee members discussed topics of homework policy revision regarding:
  - The need for consistency across grade levels;
  - Practices that need to be changed at the high school level; and
  - Accountability in enforcing new policy rules and regulations.
- The outcome of the revision will be for clear regulations and policy that is enacted in the schools.

## **7. Updates to Curriculum Committee Calendar**

Discussion:

- The committee reviewed and discussed timelines of upcoming Curriculum Committee topics of discussion.

## **8. October 14 Professional Development Schedule**

Discussion:

- A recent schedule of professional development was provided as an example of the initiatives and professional development that the District is working on.
- At any given full-day professional development, there are three two-hour sessions. Almost all are sessions are led by WPS principals and curriculum leaders.
- Mr. Doak remarked that there was positive feedback from teachers on the schoolwide DBT (Dialectical Behavioral Therapy) session that was conducted on the PD day.

## **9. Approval of September 2019 Minutes**

**Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Anthony Pesco and a second by Ellen Uzenoff.

**3 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

## **8. Other curricular issues**

No other items were put forth for discussion. Meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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