

PUTNAM BOARD OF EDUCATION

Curriculum Committee Work Session Minutes

Tuesday, August 15, 2017

Superintendent's Conference Room

The Putnam Board of Education's Curriculum Sub Committee met on Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 6:00 P.M. in the Board of Education Conference Room #8.

Committee Members Present: Carrie Blackmar, Jeannie Dodd, Marieanne Viens, Jill Zangerl

Committee Members Absent: Mary Kozlowski

Others Present: Donna Maynard, Curriculum Director

The meeting was called to order by Carrie Blackmar at 6:03 p.m., seconded by Jeanne Dodd.

1. A discussion centered on a new Integrated Mathematics I-III course proposal from the high school. This course is a combination of Algebra I, Geometry and Algebra topics III taught in a more integrated, cohesive manner. There are a total of 24 units numbered sequentially and taught over a three-year period. It matches a statewide curriculum aligned to CCSS. The committee would like to see SAT data when available for comparison to determine if this approach increases student achievement. Motion to warn for adoption Jeanne Dodd, seconded by Marieanne Viens.
2. Discussion centered on a study of three new Integrated Mathematics Textbooks.
Pearson CME Integrated 1: Outdated and very text heavy. Not an easy read for students.
McGraw Hill: Solid book with good resources, but it is missing content in the curriculum.
Pearson Integrated Mathematics Vol. 1 and 2: Great book with good resources that covers the entire curriculum. After careful review of all textbooks, the committee had concerns with the teachers' Pearson choice due to its monochrome color scheme, volume of dead space on pages due to workbook format and lack of student engaging form. Concerns centered on color and quality of text versus content. Marieanne Viens made a motion to look for other options in textbooks and Jeanne Dodd seconded it. Donna Maynard will contact math department and will look for other textbooks.
3. Permission for a waiver to begin new course this year. The high school would gradually phase in the courses over a three year period. The first four units in Integrated I are the same as the first four units in the Algebra I curriculum. Changes begin with unit 5, which incorporates material from units 1, 3, and 6 of the Geometry curriculum. Unit 6 is the Geometry curriculum unit 1. Unit 7 is the Algebra I curriculum-unit 5. Unit 8 combines Algebra 1 unit 6 with the first investigation in Algebra 2 unit 1. This was not agreed to as the subcommittee would like to see what textbook would be used prior to course approval.
4. The subcommittee would like to know which districts are using this Integrated Math curriculum as they have concerns regarding student movement among schools.
5. Motion to adjourn meeting at 6:58 by Jeanne Dodd, seconded by Marieanne Viens.

Submitted by Donna Maynard, Curriculum Director