

SOUTH MIDDLETON SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Curriculum Committee

February 13, 2023 at 6:00PM

The Curriculum Committee meeting was Called to Order at 6:00PM

Committee members and staff (including their role) in attendance

Shannon Snyder, Robin Scherer, Eric Berry

Brad Group-Board president, Jason Baker-Administrator, Mrs. Mersch- update on Membean, Mr. Freese-update on Social Studies Curriculum, Mr. Hain- update on High School Educational Planning Guide

Old Business

Social Studies Curriculum- Proposal for Modern History I for 9th grade moving forward in the 2023-2024 school year. This course is being presented as part of the planning guide for next school year and essentially repackages what is also covered in US History I and II and World History. Coursework is a required state standard and is revamping overlaps in noted courses. The Committee recommended approval.

ELA Curriculum Pilot- Mr. Baker provided update that the team continues to meet and work with the publishers on half day trainings days. Decision will be made over the next two meetings on which resource to recommend. The current plan is for it to be presented for recommendation at the May Curriculum meeting. Cost associated could be as much as \$375,000.

Tier 2/Tier 3 Resources- Mr. Baker discussed surveying other districts to determine what role the Board has had in approving classroom resources. Mr. Baker proposed moving forward that individual, small group and classroom resources be approved through building administration. Grade level resources would continue to be brought to the Board for full approval.

New Business-

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Hatchet- Mr. Baker provided a review of the briefing form. There was a brief discussion re: merits of the book. The Committee recommended approval.

Membean- Mrs. Mersch provided information regarding the use of the resource including viability and the ability to personalize to meet students' needs. Mrs. Mersch identified key factors to increase learning and data collection. Mr. Berry expressed concern about the program's cost, and clarification was provided that it would be implemented at targeted grade levels. The committee recommended approval for the pilot program to begin.

Educational Planning Guide- Dr. Hain discussed changes in the planning guide and need for approval to begin working on high school class scheduling. A brief overview of Open Campus program was provided. The committee recommended approval.

Future Agenda Planning-

Mr. Berry requested a review of books in the library for appropriateness.

Next Meeting May 8, 2023 at 6:00PM

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM