

Curriculum Committee
Thursday, February 2, 2012 7:00 AM

Central Office Board Room
1519 10th Street
Gering, NE 69341



Minutes

1. Chairperson Designation

Mary Winn will serve as the Chairperson for the Curriculum Committee. Also present at the meeting were: Don Hague, Eldon Hubbard, Kraig Weyrich, Broc Brown, and Tyler Thompson.

2. English Honors II & DECA Mid-year Program Updates

Tyler Thompson spoke to the Curriculum Committee regarding the English Honors II class that was added to the high school curriculum during the 2011-2012 school year. Thompson is utilizing strategies from the AP Language and Comp Review Booklet as well as over 150 vocabulary terms in developing the rigor of the Honors Course. Speech is integrated into the year long course. Thompson has worked with the Western Civilization teacher at the high school to create integration between the social studies and language arts department. He expressed his excitement regarding the growth he has witnessed in the students over the semester. Broc Brown spoke to the Curriculum Committee regarding the Marketing Class and DECA program that was established at Gering High School. During the first year, over 30 student have enrolled in DECA with several of them creating the projects that are typical of Marketing II students. Brown shared these projects with the Board. Gering performed very well in the last regional competition and Brown is hoping to continue to expand the program, eventually adding a Marketing II course.

3. GAP Presentation

Kraig Weyrich shared information regarding the first semester of the GAP program. The various courses available, reasons for enrolling in the GAP program, and the number of students and their status was shared.

4. Clearinghouse Report

National Clearinghouse data was shared with the Curriculum Committee by Eldon Hubbard. This information shows trends in post-secondary careers by Gering High School students.

5. 2012-2013 Calendar DRAFT

Don Hague share the draft copy of the 2012-2013 Gering Public School Calendar.

6. Requested Movement of 3rd Graders

A request for movement of several third grade students from the Geil Elementary to either Cedar Canyon or Lincoln Elementary effective with the 2012-2013 school year was presented. This is due to the implementation of neighborhood schools and the new transportation plans.

7. Raising the Bar -- Test Preparation

Due to a time issue, agenda items 7-11 were moved to a new meeting. The curriculum committee will meet on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, to finish the agenda items.

8. K-6 Schedule Information

9. District Travel Request

10. Budget

11. March 2012 Curriculum Committee Meeting