

**Mason Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting
Monday, February 27, 2017**

A Policy and Curriculum Committee meeting of the Mason Board of Education was held at the Harvey Education Center on Monday, February 27, 2017. Laura Cheney, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present: Laura Cheney, Liz Evans, Christopher Mumby

Absent:

Also Present: Ronald Drzewicki, Superintendent; Matt Stuard, Curriculum Director and staff

Out of Country Field Trip - Costa Rica, June 2018

Discussion was tabled until the March 2017 meeting. There were no teacher representatives at the meeting to answer questions.

Gifts/Bequests Donor Contribution - Steele Elem. PTO

The committee recognized the generosity of the gift and recommends that the Board of Education accept the gift.

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New Course - AP Computer Science

Paul Kato presented on this new course. The committee would like to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Kato as he has traveled across the country for different trainings in order to be prepared for this presentation and new course work. In addition, Mr. Kato has earned a grant to assist with the implementation of the course. There was discussion and questions about this course including the knowledge that with the appropriate AP score, this class would fulfill college credit at several public institutions, it was the recommendation of the committee that this course be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

New Course - Exploratory Computer Science

Paul Kato presented on this new course. This new class would provide students with a more enriched computer education by the time they graduate. After questions, answers and discussion, it was the recommendation of the committee that this course be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

New Course - Middle School "LINKS" Program

Nicole Linneman presented on this program/new course geared toward potential 7th and 8th graders for the 2017-18 school year. Nicole researched DeWitt and St. Johns Middle Schools that also utilize this course. Similar to the LINKS program at the Mason High School currently, the staff believe that this

will be a benefit to the Middle School students as well. After the presentation, questions, and dialogue, it is the recommendation of the committee that the course be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

ELA 6-12 Program - Study Sync

The committee would like to recognize the hard work and efforts of all of the staff that participated on the ELA committee. This curriculum is aligned with Common Core, as well as utilizing and building on the curriculum that is going to be implemented in K-5. After presentation and discussion, the committee recommends sending the ELA 6-12 Program, Study Sync, to the Board of Education for approval.

Dart “Next Level” Grant

The superintendent presented information on this grant which is being explored to enhance the learning environment of the new ELA programs as well as the newly implemented GoMath! The application will be submitted in the late spring or summer.

NEOLA

Series 6000-9000 will have a second reading in March 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 27, 2017 at 4:45pm.