Meeting Minutes

Board Present: Jennifer Peltz, Marilyn Franklin

Present at Meeting: Greg DePue, Jane Joyce, Dr. Rick Monroe, Nicole Mueller, John Reiels, Kelly Saunders, Mark Schill, Adam Thiel, Melissa Trepte, Michelle Walny,

I. Call the Meeting to Order
Chair Jennifer Peltz called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

II. School Board Member Roll Call
Recording Secretary Ferne Hecker called the School Board member attendance roll call, with chair Mrs. Jennifer Peltz and Mrs. Marilyn Franklin, member being present.

III. Recommend Approval of Agenda
Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz, to approve the agenda as written. Franklin, Peltz “Aye.” “No” none. Motion passed 2-0.

IV. Recommend approval of the Minutes of the October 14, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting
Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting as written. Motion passed 2-0.

V. Discussion of Course Change Proposals for the 2010-2011 School Year
Members of the Shared Governance Team (SGT) recommended course changes for the 2010-2011 registration manual to Dr. Rick Monroe. Dr. Monroe reviewed the recommended actions. Mr. Reiels and representatives of the departments proposing the changes, discussed proposed changes and answered questions. This is a first reading of the proposed 2010-2011 course proposal changes. The School Board will also have a first reading at their November School Board meeting.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding an Out-of-State Field Trip for the Economics Classes
Ms. Nimmer is requesting to take her Economics students on a field trip to the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank and the CME Group (former Chicago Board of Trade). The purpose of this trip is to have students witness and learn more about the role the Federal Reserve System plays in controlling the money supply and enacting monetary policy to achieve economic stability in our free enterprise economy. The Board of Trade experience will bring to life the study of how markets raise capital in order to expand and grow. Current participation in a virtual stock market game in class will become more tangible and relevant when students witness the hedgers and speculators buy and sell commodities on two exchange floors at the CME group.
The proposed trip date is Wednesday, November 25th - 7:30 am-2:30 pm. There will be approximately 60 students participating. The estimated cost is $7 per student if one bus is taken, $14 if two are needed. There is no charge for visiting the Fed or CME Group.

Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz, to approve this agenda item. Franklin, Peltz “Aye.” “No” none. Motion passed 2-0.

VII. Discussion of 2009 Summer Retreat
Mr. Reiels distributed information regarding the 2009 Summer Retreat (see attached), which was attended by SGT members and administrators. The retreat was held on July 14-15 and provided SGT members an opportunity to reflect on work from the 2008-2009 school year, see how well Nicolet did, what interventions need to be put in place, what else should be done for the coming school year.

Mr. DePue distributed information regarding School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (SWPBS) (see attached). He reported that this is part of a statewide curriculum in Illinois and being discussed for Nicolet. It is felt that SWPBS will address needs of the middle level students. The committee was very interested in the summer retreat information and items discussed at SGT meetings. Dr. Monroe stated that he will forward SGT meeting Minutes to School Board members to enable them to be aware of the various discussions.

VIII. Discussion of Second Semester Exams for Seniors
The School Board directed Dr. Monroe to seek input from the faculty related to a possible change regarding exams for second semester Seniors. Mr. Reiels brought the issue to SGT and requested that members go back to their department for feedback. Mr. Reiels distributed the information at the Curriculum Committee (see attached). There was much discussion regarding the pros and cons of exam exemptions and the taking of second semester exams for Seniors. Dr. Monroe stated that at this time, everything will remain as it has been in the past.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Field Trip Policy
Proposed changes to the field trip policy had a first reading at the November, 2008 Curriculum Committee meeting, but did not have a second reading. The changes primarily pertain to overnight and out-of-state trips. Mrs. Franklin was concerned with the title of the policy. She did not feel that it encompassed all trips such as those out of the country. The title will be changed to “Field Trips/Travel.” The Curriculum Committee discussed changes and made suggestions regarding chaperones and drivers. The policy will be reworked and brought back to the December 9th Curriculum Committee meeting for further discussion.

X. Public Comment
None

XI. Committee Comments
Mr. Reiels invited School Board members to attend the Late Start Days on November 17 & 18 where conversation will take place regarding curriculum.

XII. Upcoming meeting date
The December Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 9th at 4:00 pm in F124.

XIII. Adjournment
Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 2-0.

Mrs. Peltz adjourned the November 11, 2009 Curriculum Committee meeting at 6:36 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Ferne Hecker
Recording Secretary