I. Call the meeting to order
   Chair Jennifer Peltz called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

II. School Board Committee Member roll call
    Recording Secretary Chris Macon called the School Board member attendance roll call, with chair Mrs. Jennifer Peltz and Mrs. Marilyn Franklin, member being present.

III. Recommend the approval of the agenda
    Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz, to change the order of the agenda to accommodate the guests in attendance. Numbers VI and VII were reversed. Franklin, Peltz “Aye.” “No” none. Motion passed 2-0.

IV. Recommend approval of the Minutes of the March 10, 2010 Curriculum Committee Meeting
    Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2010 Curriculum Committee meeting as written. Motion passed 2-0.

V. Presentation Regarding the Hawaii Science Trip-Ms. Melissa Trepte
    Ms. Trepte introduced two students who presented a PowerPoint summary of their experiences during a trip to Hawaii during the summer of 2009. Nine students from Nicolet were involved in classroom and fieldwork related to the study of marine biology. They attended four classes daily and performed lab work on topics such as the ecosystem, effects of pollution on marine population, physical and chemical oceanography, the behavior of marine organisms, and classification of species. The students reported that the rigorous curriculum helped them with their current AP
coursework. In addition to the academics the students experienced the Hawaiian culture and went on a variety of field trips.

VI. Discussion Regarding Changes to the Athletic Handbook and Related Items-
Mr. Kirk Krychowiak
Mr. Krychowiak discussed the plan to review and update the Athletic Handbook including such things as the philosophy, policies, eligibility and code of conduct. The process includes a number of volunteers, divided into pairs to review the current handbook. Handbooks from other conferences will be used to arrive at best practices. The goal is to have it in place by the fall.

Jennifer Peltz stated she felt eligibility criteria should be priority. Mr. Krychowiak agreed and stated that inclusion is another key area that needs to be addressed based on the assessment done by Geoff Steinbach. He reiterated that establishing consistency throughout all sports and tying it to the District’s mission is one of his goals.

Dr. Bear stated that she felt the current handbook gets wordy. Mr. Krychowiak said that the new document will be updated and easier to read with a consistent philosophy throughout. He also stressed the need for the athletes to be familiar with the code of conduct and understand what they are agreeing to when they sign it.

Jennifer Peltz raised the issue of how kids were placed at the different levels, i.e. Freshmen, JV or Varsity and the effect of club sports on this. In some sports kids are getting moved up and she questioned if this in the best interest of the student athlete. Greg DePue commented that this practice is not consistent across the different sports. Mr. Krychowiak indicated that this is one reason that the committee is not just made up of coaches.

Mr. Krychowiak stated that the board will have several more opportunities to hear this topic and that his goal is to get final approval in July.

VII. Discussion and Possible Action on the Dance Team Trip to Miami-Mr. Kirk
Krychowiak
Mr. Krychowiak and Kathleen Fictum were present to answer questions regarding the request for the Dance Team to participate in the Orange Bowl Parade and game from December 31, 2010-January 6, 2011. Marilyn Franklin asked how this coincided with winter break. Ms. Fictum replied that their schedule would be revised to minimize the number of school days missed. Dance Team members will return to school on Wednesday, January 5. She explained that the Bowl Company contacted her and invited the team to participate. They need a minimum of 15 girls. As of now the 7 returning members and 5 parents are going. The students will be responsible for fundraising for the trip.
Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz to approve the Dance Team Trip to Miami to participate in the Orange Bowl Parade and game. Motion passed 2-0.

VIII. Discussion Regarding Long Term Assignments and Contests-Mr. John Reiels
Mr. Reiels presented a set of guidelines (attached) that was developed after the March Curriculum Committee meeting in response to various concerns about long-term projects and contests. He stated that he discussed the guidelines with Phyllis Santacroce, and Gary Stresman, and with the Shared Governance Team, and that the response was favorable. Mr. Reiels is proposing that the guidelines become part of the Teacher Handbook. Laurel Bear agreed that this working document would be part of the handbook but would still like to have a Board Policy that reflected the District’s philosophy that supported project based learning but that competitions should not influence grades.

IX. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Information and Technology Plan-Mr. John Reiels
Mr. Reiels presented the updated version of the District Information and Technology Plan that is proposed for July 1, 2010-June 30, 2013. Originally pulled from the Board Goal process in 1999-2000 it is a three year information and technology plan that incorporates a library piece that relates to academic achievement. Mr. Reiels described it as a learning plan with a focus on technology that fits with Understanding by Design.

Mr. Reiels directed the committee’s attention to the action plan section of the document (pages 56-68) and highlighted aspects of each of the six goals.

Under Goal 3, one of the action steps addressed improving community access to resources. Referencing changes in student learning, Jennifer Peltz asked what could be done to keep the library open longer so students can use it for group learning activities. Rick Monroe stated that there have been discussions concerning opening up the new library to the community to access electronic resources. In doing so, funding for staffing could possibly come from Fund 80.

Mr. Reiels stated that he is seeking approval for the plan at this time so that it can be submitted to the state by the end of May. He acknowledged that some policies in the plan have not yet been formally approved, but he wanted the Board to have a complete plan. Once approved by the Board, the Information and Technology Plan is submitted to the Department of Public Instruction for a 3-year certification. This item will be placed on the April School Board meeting as an Action Item.

Laurel Bear suggested that the plan be presented yearly for review.

X. Public Comments
None
XI. **Committee Comments**
   The committee discussed changing the May meeting date due to the public interest in the agenda item on class rank and grade weighting. Mr. DePue will include the date change in a Nicolet Update and it will be changed on the website. Parameters will be set for public comment.

XII. **Upcoming meeting date**
   The May Curriculum Committee meeting is rescheduled for Thursday, May 6th at 7:00 pm in B113.

XIII. **Adjournment**
   Motion by Mrs. Franklin, seconded by Mrs. Peltz to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 2-0.
   Mrs. Peltz adjourned the meeting at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine K. Macon
Recording Secretary.