

MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on September 13, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Sara Olson, Jason Eltrevoog and Ron Frye. Also present: Jim Carlson, Marty Voiles, Rachael Babcock, Kathy Baker, Deb DeGraaf, Kristine Ehrler, Melissa Klicker, LeAnne Schrag and Shane Trager.

A. Title I/Student Academic Supports Plan

Mr. Voiles reviewed the District Title I Plan that was sent to committee members prior to this meeting. Additionally he updated committee members on adjustments that were made to SHS's SST for the 2017-2018 school year.

B. Weighted Grades

Dr. Carlson spoke briefly about steps that have been taken to adjust GPA & Class Rank as it applies to our weighted grades. Summer school classes will now not have a negative impact as discovered it was during last school year. Dr. Carlson said that we will have a "true" class rank beginning next year with the Class of 2019.

C. Parent Survey

Mr. Voiles brought a hard copy of the parent survey and quickly touched upon the ten items included in the document. Mr. Voiles reviewed that this survey will be made available to all visiting parents on the nights of our fall Parent/Teacher Conferences.

D. Stem Courses

Mr. Voiles reviewed a packet of information related to STEM professions and career opportunities. In addition to reviewing tables, graphs and other information in this packet, Mr. Voiles explained how a committee of teachers will be working with the administration during the 2017-2018 school year to develop a sequence of STEM courses for future implementation into the SHS curriculum.

E. SAT/ACT Results

Mr. Voiles discussed how SHS has transitioned away from the ACT test and transitioned to the new state required SAT test. Mr. Voiles did discuss that last year's senior class did test well on the ACT, but not all senior students took this test. That assessment was used more for college entrance requirements. Mr. Voiles also discussed how the SHS faculty will be using SAT test and results to improve curriculum and identify any gaps that may exist, if any.

F. Staff Professional Development

Mr. Voiles reviewed the tentative itinerary that will be used for teachers during upcoming professional development days in the months of September and October. Many of the items that will be reviewed by staff deal with classroom assessments, looking deeper at state test results and how this information may be used to improve curriculum and instruction.

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G. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.


Board President


Board Secretary

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Date