

Curriculum and Program Development Committee

MINUTES

November 25, 2013

Committee Chairperson Jeff Spoehr called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Members of the committee in attendance were Jeff Spoehr, Jean Maurice Boyer, Kirk Leaser, and Michelle Swardenski. Administrators Mary Pfeiffer, Steve Dreger, and Sue Nennig were present, as was Kathy Paulus, Chair of the World Language Department and member of the World Languages Committee.

Open Forum

Nancy Lewandowski, 113 Limekiln Road, Neenah, spoke about how she would like to see some advanced classes at the middle school that did not require a student to skip a grade.

Chair Spoehr declared the open forum closed at 5:05 p.m.

World Language Discussion

Sue Nennig led a discussion of the World Language report presented to the committee that day. She reviewed Neenah's current offerings and then gave information on the offerings of similar and neighboring districts, Whitefish Bay, Arrowhead, and Menasha. She also provided information on current college certification programs and graduation numbers. Committee members asked several clarifying questions regarding this data. She was still waiting for the DPI to get back to her with the number of certified Chinese instructors in the state. Sue then presented the administration's recommendation for Committee review, as outlined in the report. Committee members offered their opinions and asked clarifying questions. Michelle Swardenski made a motion to accept the administration's recommendation and forward it to the full Board for review. Jean Maurice Boyer seconded the motion and it was approved by unanimous committee vote.

Courses Available by Department (Course Registration Book)

Sue then presented copies of the Course Description and Registration Guides for Neenah High School, Shattuck Middle School, and Horace Mann Middle School. She indicated this could aid with the CADR process by giving the Board members additional information on the full spectrum of classes being offered.

The decision was made to hold off on scheduling another meeting until additional topics are presented.

Motion to adjourn was made by Michelle Swardenski, seconded by Kirk Leaser, and passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Jeff Spoehr, Recorder