

CENTRAL BUCKS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Committee Minutes
January 11, 2017

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sharon Collopy, Chair
Karen Smith

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS AND ADMINISTRATORS PRESENT

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| Beth Darcy | Mr. John Kopicki | Dr. Alyssa Walloff |
| Glen Schloeffel | Dr. David Bolton | Ms. Laura ENama |
| | Dr. Scott Davidheiser | Ms. Corinne Sikora |

MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Weldon
Jerel Wohl

The meeting was called to order by Sharon Collopy

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The meeting minutes from the November 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed and approved without changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

9th Grade English (Honors) Course of Study

Dr. Alyssa Walloff, Supervisor of K -12 English Language Arts, presented the 9th Grade English (Honors) course of study. Her review of the course description highlighted the differences between the 9th grade

9th Grade Science (Academic and Honors) Courses of Study

Ms. Laura ENama, Supervisor of K -12 Science, is proposing changes to the current academic 9th grade science course and adoption of a new 9th Grade science honors course. Two years ago they initiated a new 7th grade science course, this year a new 8th grade science course was rolled out, and next year the plan is to roll out the new 9th grade science courses. Course content and rigor have been added to the courses. Ninth grade science is integrated with emphasis on earth science with additions of focus on atmospheric and light. An approach to systems thinking is also being added to course looking at changes over time in the

classroom, branded across the district

All three grades are reporting this feeling less than the state reporting average (2015). All three grades report feeling depressed or sad MOST days in increasing numbers over each reporting year 2009, 2013, 2015 still less than the state reporting average (2015), but steadily increasing, nonetheless.

Ms. Sikora reviewed a paragraph from a lengthy article in the November 7, 2016 *Time* magazine, titled

