

North Country Union High School
Curriculum and Instruction Meeting minutes
Tuesday October 6, 2015 Room 316 NCCC

Present: Anita Mayhew, Eileen Illuzzi, Kristin Mason, Le-Ann Tetrault, David Yasharian, Colleen Fagan, Lindsey Lefebvre, Adam Damon, Jillian Staniforth, David Ghelli

Called to order at 5:34

Motion was made to approve the minutes from September 1, 2015. Dave/ Kristin-- Passed

The Math department instructors led a discussion on Proficiency Based Grading. This is a transition from a traditional grading system to one that is a true reflection on the student's knowledge of the course. It combines Mastery objectives, with measurable assessments, with synthesis activities where students must apply the concepts and skills being taught. Presently, Algebra 1 and 2 and Geometry are using this system. Students are able to retake their assessments twice and a process is in place to offer assistance to all who need it. Students have also learned that it is easier to do the work required from the beginning than try to catch up later.

Anita presented results from the SBAC assessment testing. All grade 11 students take this test on line at the same time. This first year showed where some improvements need to be made in the delivery system. Overall results showed NCUHS to be near the State average in English and improving on Math scores.

Jillian discussed assessments at the Career Center. These are performance based assessments where skills need to be mastered at a 100% level. Some testing is done by a third party assessor leading to an industry level certificate. Students use peer to peer learning to assist each other in completing their assignments. Students have a portfolio for all their certificates for future employers to review. The goal is to make this into an electronic version.

Date of next meeting: November 3, 2015 at 5:30.

Adjourn at 6:35