

North Country Union High School
Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting minutes
Tuesday October 7, 2014 NCCC Land Lab

Present: Bill Rivard, Eileen Illuzzi, Anita Mayhew, Kurk Flynn, LeAnn Tetrault. Kristin Mason, George Swanson, David Ghelli

Called to order at 5:20

Motion was made to approve the minutes from September, 2 2014, with a change to the funding source for the Mechatronics training to, a grant from the AOE with federal reserve money.
LeAnn/ George - PASSED

Eileen took the committee on a tour of the outdoor Heavy Equipment training location; Students have the opportunity to practice with a variety of large machinery, learning in a real world environment.

Kurk and Eileen led a tour of the Land Lab classrooms. The facility has bays for Heavy Equipment repair, Protective Services, Building Trades, Forestry, Agriculture and Natural Resources programs and a computer lab. The teachers coordinate activities during the day to share resources. The committee was impressed by how clean the rooms were and Kurk explained the pride students take in their equipment and facilities. Safety is stressed constantly and students take it upon themselves to enforce it. Kurk also demonstrated the virtual fire extinguisher. Upon completion of written and virtual training students can receive a certificate of proficiency. This can go in the students portfolio along with others they may earn to show potential employers their skills.

Bill discussed the Chinese 2+1 program. Earlier this year Brad Ashley proposed to the board the possibility of bringing 30 to 40 Chinese students to the High School, John Castle and Bill have discussed the proposal and presented the committee with a Teaming Agreement to review. The student numbers have been reduced to a maximum of 10. The committee will study this and hold a discussion at our next meeting.

Anita related the process for student class enrollment. This begins with the Career Center course selections in January and then the Guidance Counselors at the High School begin trying to determine class sizes and course offerings. Student schedules for the next year are sent out in July, but changes after that date are expected. Dropping a class now however requires a team decision on the benefit to the student.

Future Agenda Items: Discussion on Chinese 2+1 program
Review of Program of Studies

Date of next meeting: NOTE--- WEDNESDAY November 5, 2014 Room 316 NCCC

Adjourn at 6:25 (Minutes taken by David Ghelli)