

JOHNSON CREEK SCHOOL DISTRICT  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
Elementary Principal's Office  
9:00 a.m.

Chair Kellie Loeb called the meeting to order.

Members Present were: Kellie Loeb, Carol O'Neil, Superintendent Michael Garvey, Principal Kris Blakeley, and Director of Teaching & Learning Lisa Krohn.

Members Absent: Andy Swanson and Principal Eric Ranzen.

Also Present: Ken Johnson, Merry Frank and students Tyler Koellen and Tristan Kaulfuerst

Mrs. Blakeley verified that the meeting was properly posted.

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to adopt the agenda as posted.

Students Tyler Koellen and Tristan Kaulfuerst presented their persuasive speech requesting that study halls be reinstated.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion about the merits of a study hall. Mrs. Loeb expressed concern that only two Board members were present and recommended that a decision about study halls be made with the full Committee present. Mrs. Krohn shared that with the new instructional methods and possibly longer instructional periods, staff should have time to work with students during class time. Dr. Garvey and Mrs. Krohn will meet over the next 10 days to work on a Middle School/High School class schedule and also to strengthen the course offerings at the High School for 2013-14. The Committee will continue to work on increasing instructional minutes and will revisit the study hall concept in the future.

The Committee endorsed the adoption of a Cum Laude system to replace the Valedictorian/Salutatorian designation beginning with the class of 2017. The Administrative team will prepare the required policy changes for Board consideration.

Guidance Counselor Merry Frank presented the current career software - specifically the portfolio options. The Committee endorsed the adoption of using a portfolio as part of a required exit interview for graduation. In addition to creating a portfolio and requiring an exit interview, graduates will have a civic (community service) requirement. Dr. Garvey will prepare the required policy changes for Board consideration.

The civic requirement will be in addition to course required community service and supported by the Social Studies standards.

The next meeting is May 8, 2013 at 9:00 am.

Motion by O'Neil/Loeb to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Dr. Michael P. Garvey,  
Superintendent