

Curriculum and Programming Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, February 3rd, 2015, the Curriculum and Programming Committee met at 9 a.m. Corey Perreault was voted in as the Chair of the Committee. Cindy Brown, H.B.S.S., Music teacher answered and explained why the K-5 Curriculum UBD template was not specific or detailed as much as other curriculum disciplines by each grade level. She explained what was taught at each grade level and how some pieces of curriculum such as preparation for concerts required "backwards planning." She mentioned how in grade -3, the curriculum is implemented across many disciplines with a focus on Community. While it is true that the actual curriculum template is not completely filled in with details or specifics, each activity requires teaching the language of music, vocabulary, reading and writing of music, etc. It was decided that she would use the March workshop day to fill in more specific activities and details to the Sample Lessons and Activities section as well as the Sample Classroom Assessment Methods section of the UBD template. We will return to review this K-5 Music curriculum at our April meeting.

Shanna Crofton, B.H.S. Principal and Technology Information teacher, Cindy Cygan shared the CAD I and CAD II curriculum that was in the UBD format. They are requesting through the 2016 budget a new CAD textbook that will be used for both of these courses. The price of the textbook is \$62.00 and it has online software for access at home. Implementation of the CAD II course will require a new .5FTE position to be created. They have found that 37 students in grades 10, 11, and 12 are interested in this course. Students completing these courses can receive a national certification for completion as authorized by engineering firms. This course structure will provide more than an Introductory approach to CAD and allow for students to expand their knowledge, skills, and abilities to more practical knowledge. This would be an important piece to the development over time of STEM oriented courses at Brunswick High School. The software accompanying the textbook is free for three years. The Curriculum and Programming Committee is supporting this endeavor pending budget approval.