Quincy Public School Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room # 231
August 21, 2017 – 5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

   A. Roll Call of members by the Committee Secretary
Sheldon Bailey, committee chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
Members present: Members Arnold, Christensen, Teter and Vogler; and the following members were absent: Rose, Rubottom and Zeidler. Whereupon the Chairman determined there were enough members present for a quorum.

   B. Recognition of Visitors
Board members, staff and others present: Superintendent Roy Webb, Michaela Fray, Carol Frericks, Jody Steinke, Kate Schumacher, Tonya Rodemich, Dan Sparrow, Tracee Farmer Jeff Kerkhoff and Deb Husar/Quincy Herald Whig, WGEM Reporter.

   C. Approval of Agenda
Chairman Bailey asked if there were any items to be added to the agenda. Member Vogler asked that the committee discuss Back to School Night and backup plan for when our network is down. Superintendent Webb commented that Dan Ware is looking at the costs of redundant backup programs.

Questions and Comments from the Public
Jeff Kerkhoff distributed articles to those present. He reminded those present that September 17th is the 230th anniversary of the adoption of the United States Constitution. Mr. Kerkhoff also pointed out sections in the textbooks he has reviewed and commented on the information contained in them.

Committee Discussion Items

   A. Summer School Report

K-5 Summer Academy – Title I Funded

Tracee Farmer, K-5 Summer Academy Coordinator presented the K-5 Summer Academy portion of the report. She noted this year that students were recommended not required to attend summer school. The two-teacher model they are using is efficient, focused precision teaching. She reviewed the Student Growth percentages for Reading and Language, noting that students took the Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) Assessment at the end of summer school. Average daily attendance was 85%, which was 5% higher than last summer.

K-5 Center for Creative Learning – Healthy Community Investment Grant Funded
Tonya Rodemich, K-5 Center for Creative Learning Coordinator noted that attendance was all voluntary and was also open to other QPS students and parochial students. Students were added as word of mouth spread about the program. They used the new Houghton Mifflin Harcourt (HMH) Science Dimensions materials with the students. She shared that the students were excited each day for the activities and lessons. Carol noted that the teachers were District Science Leadership Team members. Tonya reviewed Student Growth percentages for Reading: Informational Text and Science common assessments. It was noted that students’ reading scores improved while participating in this science opportunity. Average daily attendance was 87%.

**QJHS Summer Academy – 21st Century Community Learning Center (CCLC) and Healthy Community Investment Grant Funded.**

Dan Sparrow, QJHS principal reviewed the criteria for determining which students were eligible for summer school. 126 students in grades 6-8 were removed from the retention list after attending summer school, 13 students were retained. Mr. Sparrow noted that they will use what they learned from the summer school model to impact regular school attendance. Edgenuity MyPath, a supplemental online intervention, was used to close individual gaps for students in English Language Arts and Math. Use of MyPath correlated to higher MAP scores for students. Average daily attendance was 85%.

QJHS Center for Creative Learning students were recommended to attend, but there were a few students who attended voluntarily and it was also open to other QJHS and parochial students. HMH Science Dimensions inquiry based materials were used in the summer program. Dan reviewed the Student Growth percentages for Science for students who attended.

**QHS Summer Academy – 21st CCLC and Truants Alternative and Optional Education Program (TAOEP) Funded**

Jody Steinke, QHS principal noted that approximately 500 students attended summer school and that the main emphasis was on credit recovery. There were also accelerated opportunities for students. Students are mandated to attend summer school based on two or more core failures or if they are behind in credits during the 2016-2017 school year. The total number of credits recovered this summer were 202. Other courses offered include QHS Driver’s Education and Consumer Education. The QHS Learning Center served 21 students, and 39.5 ½ credit classes were completed and 28 are in progress. There was discussion on four-year versus five-year graduation rate. Average daily attendance varies because of the self-pacing of Edgenuity.

**B. Reading Recovery Report**

Tracee Farmer, Reading Recovery (RR) Teacher Leader, presented the RR Report. Students served were in first grade in Quincy Public Schools and other surrounding districts during the 2016-2017 school year. These districts pay QPS for training and
are part of our site. 182 students were enrolled in RR in 2016-2017. 59% of students reached average levels and 41% made progress but did not reach average levels. Tracee reviewed the intervention status of all RR students served and the number of students who were discontinued from interventions improved 6% over last year. QPS Reading Recovery teachers also provide second grade booster groups for RR first graders who need additional help as they move into second grade.

Carol noted that the program reports help to determine if the programs are accomplishing their intended goals and if they should continue. Administrators will dig more deeply into summer school data for use in their school improvement planning. It was suggested to use the same protocol for reporting MAP scores to provide consistency.

**Recommend to the Board of Education for Action** - None

2. **Consider any other matter relating to the curriculum needs or concerns of the district**  
   - **Topics Raised by Committee Members** – Discussion on timing of Back to School Night and Parent Teacher Conferences. It was determined that this should be explored at the school level not the district level.

3. **Adjourn – 6:30**

   **Next Meeting – September 11, 2017 – 5:00 p.m. RM 231 BOE**