

Social Studies TETN Notes September 25, 2013

(These are not official minutes of this meeting, only notes about the meeting.)

Julie Brelsford, Statewide Social Studies Coordinator, welcomed participants to the TETN, which started at 1:00 p.m.

Agenda:

- News about Anita Givens
- Legislative Session
 - Briefing Book
- State Board of Education (SBOE) Update

Anita Givens Retirement

- Anita Givens has retired. She served as the Associate Commissioner for Standards and Programs. The TEA is in the process of finding a replacement.

Legislative Session

There are some helpful resources on TEA's web site concerning the 2013 state legislative session:

- Briefing book: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/legislative-reports/83briefingbook.aspx>. Two highlights dealing with Social Studies:
 - HB 2662: Personal Financial Literacy, page 53 (implementation during 2014-15 school year after SBOE adopts TEKS for it). This course is separate from the current Economics course, and there are connections with Math.
 - HB 5: Section 16, page 66: Details about the new graduation plans.
- House Bill 5 web page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=25769806149>
 - Slide show with main highlights available on this web page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769806154&libID=25769806157>
 - Side-by-Side Comparison – Current Graduation Requirements and HB 5 Requirements to be Implemented Beginning in 2014-2015: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769806876&libID=25769806879>

State Board of Education (SBOE) Meeting

- The SBOE is in the process of determining the courses for the endorsements available for graduation plans.
- The upcoming schedule for decisions about graduation requirements includes these dates:
 - September 17: Public Hearing
 - September 18: Discussion of HB 5 Rules
 - November: First Reading and Filing Authorization
 - December: Official Public Comment Period
 - January: Second Reading and Final Adoption
- Slide show with highlights for SBOE's actions related to the recent legislative session: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769806949&libID=25769806952>
- August work session Social Studies document for discussion (resource for discussion purposes only and do not reflect final decisions): <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/WorkArea/linkit.aspx?LinkIdentifier=id&ItemID=25769806874&libID=25769806877>

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- Dan Patrick talked to the SBOE at a meeting on September 17. The video of this meeting can be viewed here: <http://www.texasadmin.com/tea.shtml>. (Scroll down to September 17.)
- Discussion of Credit by Examination: Summary is in the Briefing Book on pages 50 and 65.
- Discussion of High School Graduation Requirements
 - Video of meeting: <http://www.texasadmin.com/tea.shtml>, Committee of the Full Board, September 17
- 2014 SBOE Meeting Schedule
 - January 29-31, 2014
 - April 9-11, 2014
 - July 16-18, 2014
 - September 17-19, 2014
 - November 19-21, 2014

Questions:

- Were Social Studies materials discussed at the SBOE meeting? Proclamation 2014 (Science) was discussed, but not much was said concerning the 2015 Proclamation (Social Studies). Information is currently going out to publishers concerning our TEKS which the publishers can use to submit their resources for review. The TEA review of these resources will take place next summer.
- What discussion is taking place concerning the combination World Geography and World History course? What can we do to prepare? Julie has no information about it yet but she will share information as it becomes available.
- Personal Financial Literacy: Will this course be required in addition to Economics or instead of Economics? That decision has not yet been made by the SBOE. Personal Financial Literacy content should be taught in Economics for this year until more information is available.

Julie encouraged everyone to contact her with questions and concerns. The meeting adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Helpful Links:

- STAAR Resources: A-Z Directory in Student Assessment: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/directory/>
- STAAR Social Studies: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/taar/socstudies/>
- Teacher Resource Page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/student.assessment/teachers/>
- SBOE page: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index4.aspx?id=1156>
- SBOE Meeting videos: <http://www.texasadmin.com/tea.shtml>