

### **CURRICULUM CHANGE**

Various issues in curriculum change



# DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ISSUE AND PROBLEM

- Issue and problem can be used interchangeably in some contexts,
- > Issue is an important topic or problem for debate or discussion whereas problem is a harmful and unwelcome matter or situation that needs to be dealt with
- Issue occurs when there is controversy or debate
- > A problem is something that is difficult to deal with and is a source of worry or trouble
- > Issue is dealt with
- > Problem is solved.
- The students should be taught about the issue of racism.
- I told him all my problems.

#### **CHANGE**

- > Change is the process of transforming phenomenon into something different
- > Change is a constant law of nature.
- > It always occurs Continuously.

# PROCESS OF CHANGE (CONT...)

#### Social scientist have said that change probably occur in 3 stages:

- **1. Intimation:** in which **ideas for change are launched** and decision are made, regarding the nature, direction and extent of change
- 2. Legitimization: in which the sentiments on behalf of change are communicated
- 3. Congruence: the third is Congruence of the separate system of values.

#### CURRICULUM

The curriculum is the means through which

'the finest treasures of civilization can be so mediated as to become a common inheritance of persons who are seeking to realize their essential humanness"

Phenix P. H. (1964).

A curriculum of a classroom, school district, state (or nation) is a series of planned events intended for students to learn particular knowledge, skills, and values and organized to be carried out by administrators and teachers'

New York: McGraw-Hill

### SOURCES OF CURRICULUM CHANGE AND INNOVATION

- At the national level, curriculum change and innovation arise from deliberate policy decisions
- In order to address existing problems or identify new problems
- The advancement of new technology
- Adaption to the new trends (technology, research, needs, interest)
- Compare and contrast the current curriculum with the advantages of the proposed new curriculum.

#### **TYPES OF CHANGE:**

Change can be categorized into two types.

#### > Hardware Types:

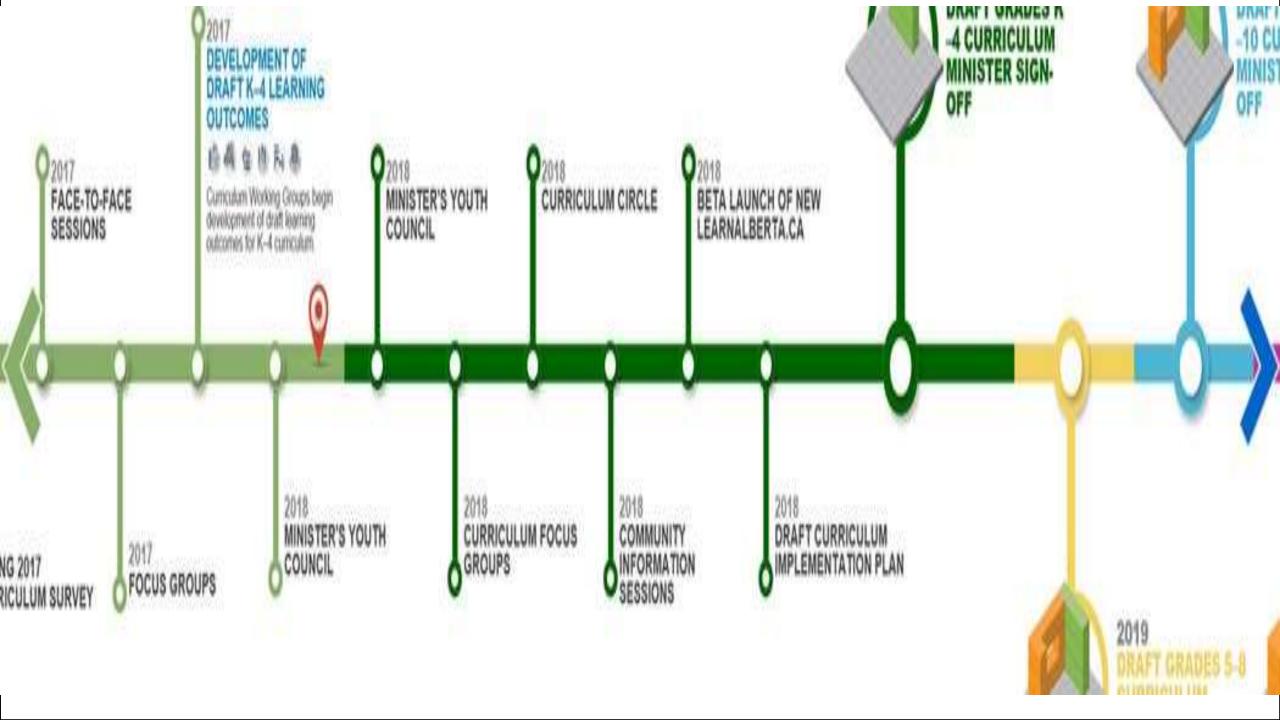
These changes are introduced by additions to facilities such as new classrooms, equipment, books and play grounds.

#### > Software Types:

They may be related to the **methods of delivery** recommended by curriculum **initiators, designers and developers.** 

## WHY WE NEED TO CHANGE THE CURRICULUM?

- To restructure the curriculum according to the needs, interests or abilities of the learner.
- To eliminate unnecessary units, teaching methods and contents.
- To introduce latest and update methods of teaching and content, new knowledge and practices
- To select learning experiences base on the objectives rather than on the service needs
  of the instructional.



#### **DEFINITION OF CURRICULUM CHANG**

- Hoyle (University of Zimbabwe, 1995: 58) defines change as
  - "embracing the concepts of innovation, development, renewal and improvement of a curriculum"
- Curriculum change is dictated by the changes in the economic, social and technological aspects of a society
- Change has **magnitude** and **direction** and occurs within a **definite time frame**.

### LACHIVER & TARDIF (2002)

According to Lachiver & Tardif (2002), curriculum change is managed in a logical five-step process:

- 1. An analysis of the current offerings and context
- 2. The expression of key program aims in a mission statement
- 3. A prioritization of resources and development strategies
- 4. The implementation of the targeted curricula change
- 5. The establishment of monitoring tools and processes.

#### FORCES DRIVING CHANGE

- Community
- > Technology
- **Political Conditions**
- **Economical Condition**
- Global transformation
- ➤ Complexity: competing demands of governments and interest groups
- **Local need**
- > Staff dissatisfaction

- > Parental Demands
- Student demands are all students achieving/participating
- > Standards can they be maintained in view of the challenges of new courses?
- Leadership meaningful change and curriculum evolution
- Demands of the culture, the society, and the expectations of the population being served.
- > Environmental

### **EXPLOSION OF KNOWLEDGE** (AS A FACTOR OF CHANGE)

- > Humanity's stored of knowledge has shown an additive increase in the past, but in recent years the growth in knowledge has beer-exponential.
- Not only has knowledge accumulated, but also there have been new ways of organizing it and looking at it.

## THE COMMUNITY (AS A FACTOR OF CHANGE)•

- There are certain key questions that should be asked about school-community relationships in seeking evidence of the need for program modifications
- How does the community feel about the school?
- What is being done to improve school-community relations?
- What economic changes have taken place in the community?
- What community **resources** are available?

#### **POLITICAL ISSUES**

- All aspects of curriculum depend on local, state and national political standards.
- Both private and public educational institutions rely on political body for funding and decision making for hiring personnel, building and maintaining facilities and equipment.

#### **EXAMPLE**

Politics affects curriculum development from defining goals, interpreting curricular materials to approving examination systems

#### THE SOCIETAL ISSUES

- > Society has its **own expectations** about the **aims and objectives** that should be considered when changing curriculum.
- It also has a perception of what the product of the school system should look like
- It is therefore necessary for curriculum designers to take in to account societal considerations.

#### **EXAMPLE**

> Subjects which has **gender education** have difficult to include in the curriculum because of the **resistance from some religious groups**.

#### **ECONOMICAL ISSUES**

- Economic status of the people and the state play an important role in the curriculum change
- The aspirations of people, their demands and expectations from particular courses or curricular inclusion at various stages of education, all depend on the economic status.
- Without financial help(budget) and resources, curriculum wings can't perform and implement new researches in education

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

- > The advancement in technology make the world a global village,
- The technology of the 21st century require technical skills (problem solving, critical thinkin, cooperation, creative skills)
- > To cope with **current** and **future technology**(artificial intelligence and robots) curriculum need to be change at every level of learning
- > Technology make learning, easy, interesting, and interactive

#### **SOCIAL DIVERSITY**

- Social diversity including religion, culture and social groupings affects curriculum development because these characteristics influence the types of topics and methods for teaching information.
- Developing relevant curriculum takes into account society's expectations accommodating group traditions and promoting equality.

#### **ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES**

- >World awareness and action toward reversing and ending pollution continues affecting curriculum development.
- > Typical elementary classrooms teach recycling and healthy environmental practices.

# SOCIO-POLITICAL FACTORS

- As the states policies change, they have an influence on the educational policies and schemes that they undertake
- It also takes into consideration the social needs and demands and changing trends in the society with respect to various other issues and contemporary developments

### OTHERS FACTORS AFFECTING THE PROCESS OF CURRICULUM CHANGE

- Influential or outspoken individuals
- Financial pressures, including resource availability.
- o Staff availability or workload.
- Current or prospective student viewpoints.
- Student abilities or limitations, or intake
- o considerations.

- Pedagogical argument, or academic merit.
- University or Government requirement or regulation.
- Professional accreditation needs, or syllabi set by professional bodies.
- Academic "fashion", including the desire to remain in step with other institutions.

- Alteration can be in any area where there is a deficit
- The philosophy, objectives, courses, teaching learning methods or evaluatory procedures
- Approaches: Addition, deletion or reorganization
- To eliminate unnecessary units, teaching methods and contents
- To introduce latest and updated methods of teaching and content, new knowledge and practices

#### ROLE OF THE TEACERE

- Teacher's role in planning the curriculum:
- teachers/educators are the major pillars in the teaching and learning process
- With their knowledge, experience and competencies teachers are central to any curriculum improvement
- A teacher does more than just implement curriculum, teachers know best what the curriculum should look like.
- In order to create strong curriculum teachers must play an integral role in every step of the process.
- Teachers know their students better than others involved in the curriculum process.
- A teacher can provide insight into the types of materials, activities and specific skills that need to be included.

## TEACHER'S ROLE IN THE CREATION OF THE CURRICULUM:

- A teacher can gauge whether an activity will fit into a specified time frame and engage students
- All teachers should be allowed to provide input during the creation stage
- As teachers provide input they will gain ownership in the product and feel more confident that the curriculum was created with their concerns, and the needs of their students in mind.

#### IMPLEMENTATION FROM THE TEACHER

- Teachers implement the curriculum in their own classroom by sticking to the plan
- When a teacher fails to properly implement a strong curriculum, she risks not covering standards or failing to implement effective practices in the classroom.
- That does not mean a teacher can't make minor changes. In fact a strong curriculum is designed to allow a teacher to be flexible to add a few personalized components, from a selection of activities.

#### REFLECTION BY THE TEAHCER

- Reflection on a curriculum allows teachers and others involved in the process to find any weaknesses in the curriculum, and attempt to make it better.
- Teachers may reflect on curriculum in multiple ways such as giving student reviews and analyzing results and assessments, data about student's individual performance.
- Not only can reflection serve to improve a specific curriculum, it may guide the creation of a new curriculum.

# CONSIDERATION DURING THE PROCESS OF CHANGE

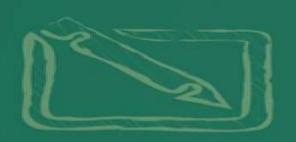
➤ Before initiating change, it is necessary to consider the potential, attitudes, and skills of the teacher

As admitted in the White Paper by the MoE's task manager for NEPR, the "Curriculum" review exercises in Pakistan have been sporadic. Historically, the process has been no standardized. However, in the last one year curriculum review has received great attention and has been reviewed systematically. Curriculum development is a specialized task...there is no mechanism for feedback once the curriculum is implemented and, .. the government lacks the requisite evaluation capacity'. (p. 18) Aly. J.A (2007) The White Paper Revised Feb. 2007 pp. - not official but a discussion document

MoE.

### education in PARISTAN

Of the country's 200 million people, 56% are under the age of 25.







Literacy rate Primary school enrolment

81%

69%

40% 67%

School life expectancy (years)

8

29%

Secondary school enrolment 38%

### DEPARTMENTS INVOLVED IN THE PROCES OF CURRICULUM DEVLEOPMENT/CNAGE

- In each province the quality challenges9 are spread across the following institutions:
  - 1. Bureau of Curriculum
  - 2. Textbook Boards
  - 3. Teacher Training Institutions (in-service and pre-service)
  - 4. Boards of Intermediate & Secondary Education (BISE) X & XII
  - 5. National Education Assessment System (IV & VIII) and provincial education assessment centers (PEAC)
- 6. The Higher Education Commission,

