

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

The February 25, 2019 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 6:05 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Ashley Depeau and Sarah Hernandez
Absent: None
Also Present: John Dague and Michelle Middleton
Audience: None

Articulation Agreement:

Mr. Dague proposed entering into an articulation agreement with Springfield Technical Community College (STCC) in the area of Mechanical Engineering Technology. Under this agreement, two of our current courses at the high school, Introduction to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering would allow students to earn credits at STCC. This could help students to obtain an associate degree at STCC in this area. STCC also has an articulation agreement with Northeastern University College of Professional Studies. Because of this, students could continue at STCC and earn a bachelor's degree from Northeastern.

Committee members asked if Asnuntuck offers credit for these courses. Mr. Dague stated they do not currently have courses that are like these, so no credit is transferred. Committee members asked if our teachers need to meet certain requirements for STCC to award the credits. Mr. Dague further explained these courses are Project Lead the Way (PLTW) courses, STCC is aware of the professional development requirements for our teachers, so if they are eligible to teach PLTW courses, that fulfills STCC's requirements.

Committee members approved Mr. Dague moving to the next steps in this process. He will set up a meeting with STCC, who will audit our course curricula and syllabi before deciding on articulation.

Mr. Dague also discussed a partnership 3M is looking to enter with Asnuntuck, EPS, and Stafford Public Schools. 3M would like to bring their MAP (Manufacturing and Academic Partnerships) program to this area. The purpose of this program is to identify students interested in the electromechanical field and give them opportunities. They are hoping to produce workers they can hire. Enfield has been chosen to participate because we already have an electromechanical pathway through College Connections with ACC, although it has not had students enrolled. Through this program, 3M would provide Asnuntuck money with which they would purchase equipment. Asnuntuck would get this equipment to EPS for 10 weeks of use and Stafford for 10 weeks of use. 3M will also pay to send two teachers to training this summer. The equipment provided by 3M would be used in our electronics course (open to students in Grades 9-12) and our robotics course (open to students in Grades 10-12). It our hope that these courses would entice students to participate in the Electromechanical College Connections program with ACC.

Committee members asked if 3M would be looking at the students coming out of ACC in that program. Mr. Dague explained yes, they would. Committee members gave Mr. Dague the approval to move forward with this partnership.

Mr. Dague will attend a curriculum subcommittee at the end of March or beginning of April to give an update on the progress of these partnerships.

Program of Studies Revisions:

Ms. Middleton brought two minor revisions to the Program of Studies for approval. The first was a name change to a current senior English elective. Currently the course is titled Reading and Writing Workshop; we are proposing a name change to Reading and Writing for Literacy. The justification for the name change is that the current name is confusing some students. They are seeing “workshop” in the title and feel it means it is taught in the workshop instructional model, but that does not reflect the course description.

The other revision proposed by Ms. Middleton was to add the statement, “This course fulfills the state of Connecticut’s requirement for Civics”, to the course descriptions for Civics in Action and Foundations of Government. The reasoning for this change is to add clarification for parents and students.

Committee members approved these changes.

Items from the Table: None

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer