

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 16, 2016**

The November 16, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 5:10 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Ray Peabody

Absent: None

Also Present: Michelle Middleton, John Dague, Chris Ponte, Kerry Wiley, Michael Pescitelli, Richard Fahey and Marilyn Goodnite

Audiences: None

Items for Discussion:

- **Course Proposals for Program of Studies**

Mr. Ponte and Mr. Dague proposed three revisions and one addition to the Program of Studies in the area of science. Due to high interest, Mr. Ponte would like to offer Forensics and Astronomy every year instead of every other year as proposed in 2015. Also, it was proposed that Earth Science be changed from a year-long, one-credit course to a .5 credit semester course. This course would be revised to fully align with the NGSS expectations which are more streamlined in the area of Earth Science. It was proposed that EHS offer Honors Physics. Currently, CCP and AP are offered, but there is a niche of students who would benefit greatly from an honors option. None of these proposals will have an impact on staffing or budget. Committee members approved all course recommendations as presented.

Mr. Dague presented a .5 credit student internship course. This would be under the guidance of the Career Counselors. This course will allow many more EHS students to take advantage of an internship opportunity. Committee members approved this course recommendation as presented.

Mr. Pescitelli and Dr. Wiley proposed two additional math courses. The first would be an AP Computer Science Principles course. No additional staffing is needed since we have a staff member who has been trained to teach this course and no textbooks are needed. The second course is AP Computer Science A course. This course is designed off of a Computer Science I class at the college level. Students would learn and work with Java. The cost to run this class would be the cost of one class set of textbooks, approximately \$3,750. Committee members approved both course recommendations as presented.

Mr. Fahey and Dr. Wiley discussed expanding the art offerings at the high school to include AP Art History, Printmaking, Contemporary Sculpture, Fundamentals of Drawing and Painting, and Digital Media II courses. AP Art History is a year-long course and would need textbooks. The other courses are semester-long courses, each with a STEAM element and an art and technology component. Committee members were concerned with adding all courses for next year but approved the course recommendations as presented. Both Ms. Middleton and Dr. Wiley will work with Mr. Longey to ensure courses are added properly.

Dr. Goodnite and Dr. Wiley proposed a name change for the String Orchestra course to Orchestra. The reason behind this course name change is needed for the second semester. Dr. Goodnite would like to bring in winds and percussions as well have a full orchestra. With combining both high schools, we now have more strings and she feels they can hold up to the inclusion of winds and percussion and will not be drowned out. Realistically, semester two would only add approximately fifteen additional musicians. Committee members asked Ms. Middleton and Dr. Wiley to look into logistics-does the course number have to be changed and how will students get credit for multiple years in the same course, ex. Band and orchestra? Committee members approved the course recommendations as presented.

a. Updated Scores' Presentation

This will be presented at the next curriculum meeting in December.

b. Standards-Based Report Cards (Technology & PD Costs/Concerns)

Ms. Middleton reported to Committee members that eSchool is web-based and that all elementary teachers have the technology to use it. Committee members approved moving forward in transitioning to standards-based report cards at the 3-5 level and moving to have K-5 standards-based report cards done through eSchool.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer