

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

The September 16, 2021, Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Jonathan LeBlanc at 5:30 PM.

Present: Jonathan LeBlanc, Stacy Thurston and Janet Cushman
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Middleton, John Dague, Amy Jensen and Meghann Burr

EMT Textbooks:

Mr. Dague explained that we offer our EMR/EMT course as a contracted course through Asnuntuck Community College (ACC). The EMR portion of the course focuses on a different set of skills and has its own certification. The EMT certification includes the mastery of a more advanced set of skills. Students who successfully finish both semesters of this course can sit for both national certification exams. In the past, we have obtained our textbooks through ACC, and they would be purchased new every year. It was suggested to us that because these textbooks rarely go through revisions, if we purchased them ourselves, we could use them for multiple years and save money.

Committee member asked what would happen if a student wanted to keep the books. Mr. Dague explained that students would have access to both texts through their taking of the national exams. He also stated that students who wanted the texts to keep could go to ACC and purchase them at the bookstore.

Committee members agreed that purchasing them, keeping them at EHS, and using them for multiple years was a good idea.

Wood Tech II Resource:

Mr. Dague explained that some of the Wood Tech II course has been revised. The goal of the revision is to make a deeper career connection with the course. At this point there is great demand for construction/carpenters. To meet this need, some units were compacted in the curriculum to make space for a basic construction unit. During this unit, students will go through the entire system for a building a small structure. In this case it will be a shed. The unit has students building a small shed on site with the possibility of selling it off at the end of the year. The plan is to overbuild the structure so students can get exposed to more systems that would be put into the building of a house, such as weather protections. The plan is for the Wood Tech III class to get involved as well by doing some built-in cabinetry for the shed. The resource we are looking to bring in for this unit is *Modern Carpentry (ed. 13)*. We would purchase this as a supplement. We chose this resource because it provides students with a systems overview, as well as a variety of visuals to enhance their understanding of the building processes being described. We would not use the entire resource, only certain sections that pertain to this unit. This unit would run in the spring. We will be purchasing twenty copies of the book. Although the committee reviewed the online version, we will be purchasing physical copies of the book.

Committee members liked the amount of visual representation in the book. It was also suggested that the shed might be able to be used for storage at a school.

World Language 6, 7, and 8:

Mrs. Jensen explained that with the expansion of World Language in Grade 6, we are changing the names of the courses. World Language at the middle school used to be exploratory, 1A, and 1B. We will now be calling them 6, 7, and 8. This aligns to most core content courses, which are referred to by the subject and grade number.

Committee members agree this makes sense and makes it easier for parents and students.

Latin IV:

Ms. Burr explained that Latin was always in the Program of Studies but was discontinued years ago due to budget cuts. A few years ago, we brought back Latin as an offering. In the 2022-2023 Program of Studies, Latin IV will be listed again. Mrs. Jensen explained that in the past, all Latin courses were CCP level courses. A couple of years ago, the subcommittee approved moving Latin III to an honors level instead of CCP. Mrs. Jensen would like to do the same with Latin IV and make it honors instead of CCP. It was explained that eventually we would like Latin IV to be AP, but we feel the program is too new for that just yet.

Committee members agreed with this change.

Mrs. Jensen also introduced a new resource we would like to use for Latin. It was explained that when we originally brought back Latin, we purchase a resource that was used for Latin I and II. Because of our expansion, we are looking to purchase a new resource that can be used for all Latin courses. We feel this alignment, instead of using isolated texts, would be beneficial to the students and better prepare them for testing to receive the Seal of Biliteracy. The resource we are looking to purchase is from the Cambridge University Press.

Committee members agreed with this purchase.

Update on Planning for the 2020-21 School Year:

Items from the Table:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, October 21, 2021

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
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