

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2016**

The February 17, 2016 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 5:00 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Stacy Thurston and Ray Peabody (arrived at 5:24 PM)

Also Present: Meghann Burr, Marilynn Cressotti and Michelle Middleton

Audiences: None

New Business:

a. Program of Studies

Mrs. Cressotti and Mrs. Clark presented the high school Program of Studies for 2016-2017 to committee members. The new cover and new photos are coming. Mrs. Cressotti reminded committee members that the changes were already approved by the BOE. The 4.0 scale is included in the POS. She also reported the new numbering system (5000s) are included in the POS to aid eSchool in the merger of the high schools. All course additions and changes were previously approved by the committee members.

A committee member asked about the honors music courses. The honors distinction used to be noted under the regular course name. They are now listed with their own description. Honors courses are not a separate section. There is an additional amount of work required of students.

Committee members approved the POS and noted it needs to be shown to the BOE. This will be done during the second March BOE meeting.

b. AP European History

Ms. Burr presented a proposal to committee members to offer AP European History at the high school level for the 2016-2017 school year. She explained that because of the new CT Social Studies Frameworks, World History has become Modern World History. The AP European History fills a gap of some of what is no longer covered in the curriculum at the Grade 9 level. The social studies department mentioned the possibility of this course for next year for Grade 11 students and there was interest. The committee members asked if books would need to be purchased. Ms. Burr stated they would be. We anticipate beginning with only one section and the cost would only be about \$2,500 for next year.

Committee members did not see any problem with offering this course and approved its addition.

Ms. Burr also discussed a name change for an English course. She proposed to committee members that the Grade 12 English elective Sports Literature be renamed to Literature in a Competitive Society. She explained that Sports Literature is not approved by the NCAA. Mr. Newton has done some research and Literature in a Competitive Society is a course other districts offer.

Committee members approved this change.

Items from the Table - None

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer