

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
November 18, 2015**

The November 18, 2015 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 4:57 PM.

**Present:** Tim Neville, Ray Peabody, Stacy Thurston, Marilyn Goodnite, Kerry Wiley, Meghann Burr, Jennifer Hawkins, John Dague, Brie Quartin, Chris Ponte, Michael Pescitelli and Michelle Middleton

**Audiences:** Colene Ceniglio, Brenda Lumbert

**New Business:**

**a. Science Electives**

Mr. Ponte presented the proposed science electives for the 2016-2017 school year. He proposed the addition of AP/UConn Environment Science. This will serve a different population than AP Physics and will be offered to students in grades 11 and 12.

Committee Members discussed space needs and costs for textbooks. Mr. Ponte stated any typical lab space will work and the textbook cost is \$8,500 support two sections of the course.

Committee members asked about certification. Mr. Ponte stated the teacher is already going through the process this year and will be all set. He added that he would like to have some semester, ½ credit science electives in place for when the science credit requirements are raised.

Mr. Ponte presented three, but suggested that he would stagger the offerings - two in 2016-2017 and the final course in 2017-2018. Committee members asked about certification. Mr. Ponte replied that was not a problem with the proposed electives (forensics, astronomy, and marine biology).

Mr. Ponte proposed the addition of Chemistry 220. This course would eliminate sophomores and juniors taking chemistry together and allow sophomores on an accelerate path to enter into 220, which would also teach CAPT strands for the sophomores, all of whom take CAPT Science in grade 10. There would be no additional need for staffing or texts.

Committee members approved AP/UConn Environmental Science, Chemistry 220, and moving forward with 2 of 3 (based on student interest) ½ credit science electives for 2016-2017.

**b. Adaptive PE and Unified Sports**

Ms. Quartin proposed two additions: Adaptive PE and Unified Sports. These courses allow special needs students to be educated in the least restrictive environment. These courses are being piloted right now. Staff would like them to be added to the POS. Unified Sports currently has 16 students, the goal is 24. They are looking for more peers. Staff will be promoting this in Teen Leadership classes. This course has after school competitions. Suffield is participating too, so there is the opportunity for games close to Enfield.

Committee members liked these offerings and approved them.

**c. Writing Center**

Ms. Burr and Ms. Hawkins proposed a senior English elective that would lead to a student-run writing center. The Advanced Composition and Peer Tutoring course, would teach students to be tutors and have students do mini-lessons in other courses. The peer tutoring (writing center) portion could take place during Eagle Hour in the new

collaborative spaces in the STEAM wing at EHS. The course would be ½ a credit and students would also need to complete 15 hours of tutoring (writing center time).

Committee members expressed concerns about the metrics to determine success of the student-run writing center. They also discussed the importance of creating independence with Eagle Hour and the new schedule and feel this proposal fits right in. This course and connected student-run writing center will be offered as a pilot next year.

Ms. Burr and Ms. Hawkins will bring data and students to support its success next year to the Curriculum Committee.

**d. A/P Statistics**

Dr. Wiley and Mr. Pescitelli proposed offering AP Statistics for the 2016-2017 school year. Currently between the two high schools, there are six sections of statistics, so the department feels students would welcome the AP option. No additional staffing is necessary, as they would pull from the six sections of statistics offered this year. The committee asked about cost which will cost \$7,500 for two sections of books.

Committee members approved this course being offered next year.

**e. Music Electives**

M. Goodnite re-presented the proposals for music electives for the 2016-2017 school year. Committee members were concerned about the budget and space concerns. Ms. Goodnite feels there will be enough space for all courses. The symphonic band class was discussed and the proposed number of students would not be manageable for instruction.

Committee members discussed the difference between concert band and symphonic band. All grade 9 band students would be in concert/marching band.

Committee members discussed scheduling these courses. Ms. Goodnite has not discussed this with the administration but believes there would be no need for additional staff or funding.

Committee members do not see a need for symphonic band. The committee requested information about the numbers of students who are taking multiple music courses to see if there are any issues with scheduling students for their desired music electives, which are singletons, and there other courses.

Committee members asked that M. Goodnite return in December with additional information. They want to make sure they can deliver what they approve.

**Items from the Table** - None

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton  
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