

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2012**

The December 12, 2012 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Bill Salazar at 6:00 PM.

Present: Bill Salazar, Joyce Hall, and Jonathan LeBlanc

Absent: None

Also Present: Walter Kruzel, Amy Jensen, Meghann Burr, Dr. Kerry Wiley, John Dague, and Michelle Middleton

Audience: None

Expansion to Latin III

Ms. Burr and Ms. Jensen explained that three years ago the World Language Department proposed to bring the Latin program back to EHS. The Board approved this proposal and Latin was reintroduced to our high school Program of Studies. In the 2020-2021 school year, Latin III will be offered to students who have already completed Latin I and Latin II. Ms. Jensen and Ms. Burr showed the committee the three resources we are proposing for use in Latin III. Ms. Jensen explained that Latin III transitions students to traditional Latin writings. The question was asked as to why these texts were chosen. Ms. Jensen explained that these texts will help prepare the students for Latin IV and the AP exam. For the exam, students will need to be able to translate and these texts scaffold that skill for students. The department thought these resources were best suited to build the students' skills and background knowledge for Latin IV. The committee asked how many students have taken advantage of the Latin courses. Ms. Jensen explained that this year Latin I had forty-five requests and Latin II had thirty-two requests, although all requests were not fulfilled. The committee asked whether these credits can transfer to college. Ms. Jensen explained that if students achieve a certain score on the AP exam, colleges may accept credit for that course. She also explained the Seal of Biliteracy and that if students achieve proficiency on all four skills areas some colleges will offer credit. The committee did not have any reservations with the proposed resources.

Overview of K-8 STEAM Specials and Electives

Mr. Dague and Dr. Wiley provided an overview of the STEAM offerings PK through Grade 8. They explained that bringing STEAM courses to all elementary schools was proposed to and approved by the Board in December 2016. The courses were implemented in January of 2017. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, STEAM electives were offered at the middle school level as well. The courses in K-8 use Project Lead the Way Units (PLTW). Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, the PK STEAM Academy also integrated PLTW units into their curriculum documents.

Mr. Dague explained the two curricular themes of the PLTW units—engineering and computer science. He discussed the professional development provided by PLTW, as well as the

alignment of standards to the units. The grade-level unit topics were explained. The use of LEGO Mindstorms EV3 to supplement the Grade 5 STEAM and Computer Education classes was explained. Our afterschool clubs for Invention Convention and First LEGO League were discussed as well.

Items from the Table:

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer