

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 17, 2022**

The November 17, 2022, Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Amanda Pickett at 5:00 PM.

**Present:** Amanda Pickett, Dr. Gerald Calnen and Jean Acree  
**Absent:** None  
**Also Present:** Michelle Middleton, D. Gaskell, John Dague, Madam Chair LeBlanc, Board members Janet Cushman and Josh Hamre  
**Audience:** None

**English Program of Studies Changes:**

Mrs. Gaskell, our English Coordinator, brought the members of the Curriculum committee two proposed changes to the EHS Program of Studies. Her first change was the proposal of a new course, Honors American Literature. Mrs. Gaskell explained that we used to have a course named Survey of American Literature, but that was taken out of the Program of Studies when our Grade 11 course became heavy on American Literature. In recent years, we have been broadening our students' experiences with literature and have moved away from a solid American Literature focus in Grade 11. Teachers feel that introducing an American Literature class will allow students that want to get some additional exposure to American Literature to do so. This will especially be beneficial to those students who choose to take UConn/AP Literature and Composition during their senior year.

Committee members approved this addition.

The second proposed change is to the UConn/AP Literature and Composition course. The change would be in the description of the course. This change is necessary because UConn changed the title, the course number, and the scope of the course on their end. UConn's new title and course number are UConn English 1007 (ECE): Seminar and Studio in Academic Writing and Multimodal Composition. Committee members asked what was meant by a studio approach. It was explained that it was a more student-centered approach. Instruction starts with a question and products are more project-based. Committee members asked why the sentence about summer work was dropped from the description. It was explained that we do not want to deter students from taking the course and teachers work with their students to help them be successful.

Committee members approved these changes.

**Child Development Lab Change for Program of Studies:**

Mr. Dague presented a change that would take two .5 credit courses - Child Development Lab 1 and Child Development Lab 2 - and collapse them into a single 1 credit course, Child Development Lab. Mr. Dague explained that in his Comprehensive Local Needs Assessment for the Perkins Grant, he began looking at if we were effectively transitioning students in these courses into an early childhood career and whether we are maximizing students' opportunities for dual enrollment. By collapsing these two courses into one, we are strengthening some aspects of the experience for students. They will meet on both A and B days for one semester. This will allow students to work with the same EHS preschool students daily, instead of every

other day. This will allow more consistency for the preschool students, while strengthening the skills of the high school students. Another work experience that could be expanded is the high school students' experience visiting and assisting in classrooms at the Stowe Early Learning Center. Also, this course would make all students who take it eligible for College Career Pathways credit through Asnuntuck Community College, not just those who move on to Child Development Lab 2. The proposal is to make this a 1 credit course for the 2023-2024 school year. We would also run Child Development Lab 2 in the 2023-2024 school year to allow students who only took Child Development Lab 1 to complete the pathway.

Committee members approved these changes.

**Data Presentation:**

Ms. Middleton shared a prepared data presentation with committee members. The data reviewed was from the state-mandated assessments given in the spring of 2022. There were also some comparisons shown from the spring of 2021. Strategies and interventions in place for this year were highlighted and discussed, as well as some next steps. Committee members asked for some revisions and for some additional information to be added. Ms. Middleton will make the requested changes and present them to the subcommittee at our December meeting.

**Review Standing Committees of the Board 2023 Meeting Dates:**

Ms. Middleton passed out a copy of the proposed curriculum committee dates for 2023. Committee members reviewed the dates and did not propose any changes.

**Items from the Table:**

Mrs. Pickett told the committee about the Digital Citizenship Night that she and her family attended at Enfield Street School. Dr. Wiley and Emily Hulevitch facilitated the presentation. She was very impressed with the information presented and hopes we can find a way for more families to access it.

Mrs. Cushman asked about the handout she brought to the November meeting. She is sending the handout to Madam Chair so that Board Leadership can discuss.

The next Curriculum meeting will be held on December 6, 2022.

**Adjournment:**

The meeting adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton  
Chief Academic Officer