

## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 7, 2016  
6:00 P.M., Room 11

### ATTENDANCE:

Andrea Ackerman, Board Member  
Rita Volkmann, Board Member  
Gretchen Newsome, Board Member  
Jay Weitlauf, Board Member  
Michael Emery, Director of Teaching and Learning  
Joseph Arcarese, Principal, Fitch High School  
Sean McKenna, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School  
Erin McGuire, Assistant Principal, Fitch High School  
Adam Diskin, Dean of Students, Fitch High School  
Steven Wheeler, Principal, S B Butler Elementary School  
Larry Croxton, Math teacher, Fitch High School

1. **Minutes** – A motion was made by Dr. Ackerman and seconded by Mrs. Newsome to approve the minutes of February 2<sup>nd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>. **PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**
2. **Discussion of FHS Courses not approved for next year.**
  - a. Sean McKenna gave a presentation on the courses that the Curriculum Committee did not recommend for referral to the full board last month. The course will be looked at more closely in Fall, 2016.
  - b. The idea was not recommended to go to the full Board for approval.
3. **Discussion of Opt out Procedure for AP/IB exams**
  - a. Erin McGuire gave an update on AP/IB testing procedure. Last year we had 230 kids taking at least one exam, and only two opted out in accordance to our new opt out policy.
  - b. No referral to full Board.
4. **All students taking college prep classes at Fitch.**
  - a. Joe Arcarese presented a progress report on how the initiative of all students taking at least College Prep classes at Fitch High School was proceeding.
  - b. Data was presented in both Math and Reading in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. All of the students discussed are receiving a support class in addition to the college prep class they are enrolled in.
  - c. This presentation is referred to the full Board (COW).
5. **Referral List**
  - a. The committee reviewed the Referral List.
6. **Agenda Items**

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  - Discussion of how we identify and address the needs of gifted and talented children.
  - Review the teaching of grammar.
  - After School Enrichment (elementary).

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**7. Adjournment**

A motion was made by Mrs. Newsome and seconded by Dr. Ackerman to adjourn at 7:30 p.m.

**PASSED - UNANIMOUSLY**