

# CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

**November 17, 2014**

**6:00 P.M., Room 19**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

Kim Watson  
Katrina Fitzgerald  
Susan Austin  
Michael Emery  
Joseph Arcarese  
Erin McGuire  
Sean McKenna  
Tom Bousquet  
Dave Daigneault  
Alyson Dougherty  
Deb Jenkins  
Shelly O'Neal-Kegler  
Steve Small

The minutes of October 6, 2014, were reviewed and approved.

- School-wide Grading Policy – The School Data Committee is not using 0-5 scale this year. Pilot teachers felt they need to be consistent. FHS will review school wide grading policy this year.
- Discussion of the small classes for B-C calculus. Tenth and eleventh grade AP potential was discussed.
- Advanced Placement - Recommendation from students, parents, and teachers. UCONN cost is \$25.00 per credit. Teachers have Masters in content area. ECE – Early College Experience. The same classes are taught for AP and ECE.
- Early College Experience – There is not enough interest yet; drawing only 4 students; would like the number to come up to the “teens.”
- Three Rivers College Pathway – Free College Credit; STEM focus; prep for highly skilled job; can matriculate to Three Rivers; use to have multiple pathways; not just 5 classes.
- Career Clusters – Connecticut Career Pathways Initiative; special certificate; job experience; and will wear a pin at graduation. Clusters are determined through application and interest inventory on Naviance; start to think about careers; complete set number of courses (6) in Pathway; Freshman Seminar unit to describe these opportunities.
- On-Line Options – Virtual High School (VHS) has 15 students; courses not offered at Fitch High School.
  - Recovery Course

- Virtual Learning Academy (VLA) at the Central Office for expulsions; at FHS for special education (also 10 others) and regular education students needing to regain credit to graduate (40 students)

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- Honors Certified Nursing - State test: CNA Certification
  - After School GPS Policy Explorers Program
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders taking course equivalent to FHS course will be able to get credit – may have to change policy.
- Personal Finance Course – Converted from yearlong course to semester course.

Add to the Referral List High School Graduation Requirements.

A motion was made by Mrs. Watson and seconded by Dr. Ackerman to send Personal Finance Course to the Board for approval.

**PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY**

- Project Lead the Way – Intro to Engineering Design and Principles of Engineering are still being taught at Fitch High School and needs to be revamped to be Project Lead the Way.
  - Leap (elementary)
  - Gateway to Engineering (middle school)
  - Project Lead the Way (high school)
  - Perkins Grant – Innovations - \$40,000
  - Teacher Training – 2 teachers recertified – X 2
  - \$3,000 per year for Fitch High School
  - \$4,800 for materials for Intro to Engineering Design
  - Principles of Engineering - \$11,000 for materials
  - May need another tech teacher

Note: The FHS PowerPoint presentation was made available to the Board including the PowerPoint presentation the Personal Finance document.

Next meeting: December 1, 2014

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.