

## **Spaulding High School Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes February 9, 2016**

Members present:

Eddie Rouse, Curriculum Committee Chairperson  
Joe Blakely

Others present:

Shannon Lessley, Spaulding Science Department Chair  
Brenda Waterhouse, Spaulding Principal  
Rick McCraw, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

The meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM.

### **I. Review and Approve Previous Minutes**

The January 2016 minutes were approved with the following change:

- Correct spelling of Penny Chamberlin's last name.

### **II. Additions or Deletions to Agenda**

The proficiency-based learning agenda item was deferred until the March meeting.  
Brenda brought an updated copy of the Spaulding Program of Studies to share.

### **III. Science program update**

Shannon discussed on-going changes to the science curriculum. See Handout 1 for details, but in brief, the state requires students to experience a well-rounded science curriculum, and that might not happen given the existing Spaulding science requirements and course sequence. To ameliorate this, a new course series is being designed that will be titled Integrated Science 1, 2 and 3. These will not be tied to specific grades, and all are required. Conventionally-structured courses will continue to be offered as follow-ons to the Integrated Science series for students who wish to engage more deeply in science.

The Science Department is also adding a forensics course that will encompass aspects of several traditional courses. Students are greeting this offering enthusiastically.

Joe asked how these requirements are managed by CVCC students. Brenda responded that students would typically complete the Integrated Science series before entering CVCC.

### **IV. Program of Studies**

Brenda distributed the 2016-17 Program of Studies document. It is now published electronically, saving significantly on printing costs. It will be posted on the Spaulding website.

It's important to note that any given course might not run if enrollment is too low, in accord with the minimum class size policy.

### **V. Updates on proficiency-based learning: Recent and future work, SU-wide connections**

As noted above, this topic will be on the March agenda pending completion of BSU-wide work.

### **VI. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

The agenda for the next meeting will be "Updates on proficiency-based learning: Recent and future work, SU-wide connections."

The March meeting will take place on the 8<sup>th</sup>, staying with the practice of meeting on the second Tuesday. Rick McCraw will be unable to attend, so Brenda will facilitate. Joe Blakely will take minutes in Rick's absence.

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- Departmental updates, for instance on math studio.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rick McCraw  
Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment  
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