

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
JANUARY 11, 2021 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

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*A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education  
was held virtually on January 11, 2021 at 5:30PM*

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Shannan Carlson (remote), Carla Eichler (remote),  
Andrea Hubbard (remote), Robyn Berke (remote), George Howard (remote)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:** Dr. E. Marie McPadden (remote), Anna Mahon (remote),  
Shannon Martin (remote), Jeremy Iverson (remote), Thomas Foley (remote)

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT:** Alison Bowler (remote), Caroline Chen (remote)

**1. Call to Order**

Chairperson Carlson called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

**2. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes**

- a. Curriculum Committee Meeting – November 9, 2020

*MOTION by Carla Eichler, Second by Robyn Berke, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 5 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**3. Public Comment**

None

**4. Discussion of New Textbook Proposals**

- a. **I'll Be Gone in the Dark, Humanities Elective, High School Grade 12**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, Second by George Howard  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 5 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED*

- b. **Introduction to Mass Communications, English, High School Grade 12**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, Second by Andrea Hubbard  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 5 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED*

c. **Bring Science Alive: Forces and Energy, Science, Middle School Grade 8**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, Second by Carla Eichler*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 5 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

5. **Update on Professional Learning Sessions**

Dr. McPadden provided an update on Virtual Professional Learning Sessions for all teachers and administrators by the Pacific Educational Group (PEG) presenters for, and Introduction and follow-up sessions to, Courageous Conversations between November 3, 2020 and February 11, 2021. Virtual voluntary technology workshops are available on Thursday afternoons for teachers and administrators 1:30-2:30p.m. These sessions have included various technology applications to enhance and engage students in hybrid, remote, and distance learning. The District is required to provide a two-hour statutory mandated Sexual Harassment training by the office of the Connecticut Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) for all staff.

6. **Adjourn**

*MOTION by Andrea Hubbard, Second by Robyn Berke, to adjourn meeting*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 5 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. E. Marie McPadden  
Director of Curriculum & Staff Development