Bourne School Committee
Curriculum Sub Committee
January 22, 2015

Members Present: Anne-Marie Siroonian, Judy Froman, (Laura Scena – absent)
Others Present: Mrs. Maly-Makrys, Mrs. Borning, Mrs. DiBiasio, Ms. Sleasmen, Mrs. Ryan, Mrs. Cetner, Mrs. Cleary

Program of Studies for BMS: Ms. Ryan presented on additions and revisions to the program of studies for BMS. The current French 1A/1B and Spanish 1A/1B would become French 1, French 2 and Spanish1, Spanish 2 for 7th and 8th graders respectively. The foreign language teachers at the middle school and high school have been able to collaborate on curriculum for each of the courses. Students would have the opportunity to enter into Bourne High school with one credit from each of those courses as long as they matriculate into the next level of French at the high school. Algebra 1 at the 8th grade level exists now and the recommendation was to attach one credit to the course for students to earn as they enter Bourne high school. A Coding class was recommended for 5-7 grade students in place of the retiring FC Science class. See attached course description for details. Kathy Cleary expressed her concern for not continuing with the FC Science curriculum as it is an important part of the health curriculum and total health of a child. FC Science does not have any Common Core standards in and of itself but does have National standards. Standards taught in the current FC Science class at the middle school are taken out of the health curriculum. Kathy also expressed her concern for time students are being placed in front of a computer. It is a growing concern among health issues in middle school aged children. Kathy recommended a website to review before making a decision on retiring the FC Science class. Ms. Ryan did indicate that there would be changes in the health curriculum to accommodate the standards that were taught in FC Science. Ms. Siroonian expressed her concern for teachers being overloaded with teaching so many "other" things that should be taught and learned outside of school that they have little time to teach and focus in on what they should really be teaching.
Program of Studies at BHS: Ms. Center presented three new ½ year courses for the high school. Two of those courses are from the History department. See attached course descriptions. These courses were born out of student and teacher input and need. The third recommendation was for a dance/Movement class. See attached documentation for details on course descriptions. A fourth course is still evolving and will be presented at a later date. This course will fall under STEM education.
Elementary Math Survey: Susan presented on the results of the math survey taken at the elementary level. See attached documentation for details.
Atlas Update: tabled until the February meeting.

Next meeting date was not set as it falls during school vacation week.