Curriculum Sub Committee
Bourne Public School Central Office
January 24, 2014 12:42 pm

Members Present: Anne-Marie Siroonian, Heather DiPaolo, Laura Scena
Susan Quick
Others present: Susan Quick, Mellissa Stafford, Amy Cetner

1. BMS Program of Studies

   Restructured by grade level rather than by content. Added bullying and parent nights information, the courses are the same. Course descriptions were revised to include more of a review of purpose of course.
   A new course proposal includes an accelerated English course at 7 & 8 grades. Some teachers have attended a "pre-AP" course to prepare themselves in teaching the course.
   Will not impact the schedule, but will be a bit of a number game
   A coding class for all grades 5-8 would be ideal to add.

   MOTION to approve the BMS Program of Studies, 2014-2015, as presented, including the addition of the new course "Accelerated ELA" for the 7th and 8th grade made by Laura Scena and seconded by Heather DiPaolo. Unanimously approved

2. BHS Program of Studies
   Addtitions include
   21st Century Learning Expectations
   Course Sequencing

   MMMSI Grant was received (Massachusetts Math and Science Initiative) double the AP students and provide the supports for the AP classes
   Some semester courses were removed due to the antiquatedness of them and the lack of students choosing such courses.

   Proposed New Courses:
   "Government Course #142" proposal: as a college prep/and honors course for grades 11-12. The course will be renamed to include "civics."

   "Music Recording Technology and Production" course proposal: recommend to run as a club.

   "Screen Writing for Dramatic Films and Television" course proposal: to continue to be included in the film club after school

   New English course, Memoirs, course proposal: A course driven by the students. This would be a semester course elective.

"Exploring the Graphic Novel" course proposal. This would be a semester course elective.

"Flora and Fauna" course proposal: at this time, it is not aligned with NGSS. (Next Generation to Science Standards)

"Wildlife Field Research and Techniques" course proposal, at this time is not aligned with NGSS. (Next Generation to Science Standards)

"First Tech Challenge Robotics Class" course proposal. There is a cost factor to this, however, the long term investment in this course well be beneficial for our students.

Motion to approve the BHS program of studies which include the following new courses, Government Course #142 (civics), new English semester elective course Memoirs, new English semester elective course Exploring the Graphic Novel, and the First Tech Challenge Robotics class.
Made by Laura Scena and seconded by Anne-Marie Siroonian. Unanimously approved.
See attached documentation

BHS Scheduling
Reviewed 2 different types of schedules for BHS master schedule needs. First schedule would allow periods 1-4 to rotate while last two blocks would be stagnate to accomodate new course offerings which inhclude an internship program and CCCC courses. Second master schedule would be based on Semester courses structured in 90 minuite blocks.

Full Day K: reviewed the information that we will need to gather for the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:35pm

Next Agenda:
Next meeting February 28, 2014 @ 10:00 am @ Admin. Building
Full Day K: building lay outs, student numbers, space for title 1, space for SPED, ELL, number of students, EEC
Humanitites coordinator
Feedback from PD