

MINUTES

Meeting of the Region 14 Board of Education
Curriculum Committee
Wednesday, August 24, 2022; 3:30 p.m.
Flanders Room
Mitchell Elementary School

Present

Jonathan Kapstein, Chair
Carol Ann Brown
Jim Crocker (ex-officio)

Absent

Michael Devine
Tikva Rose

Also Present

Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Kyle Brennan, Social Studies Teacher
Jessica McKay, English Department Chair
Rebecca Trzaski, Social Studies Teacher

I. Call to order/Introductions

Jonathan Kapstein called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.; guests and members introduced themselves.

II. American Government: The Law and You

American Government - The Law and You, is a half-year course offered at the high school that fulfills the civics' requirement for graduation. Students will have the opportunity to examine civic topics within the governmental process by analyzing citizens' rights, the criminal justice process and the civil law system. The course was modified from its original structure of four units down to three, with International Law eliminated due to teaching time constraints. International issues will be incorporated into the World History curriculum, which is currently in the writing process.

It was requested that the acronyms CRAAP and SOAP be defined in the curriculum.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to accept/approve the American Government – The Law and You curriculum and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

III. AP Computer Science A/AP Computer Science Principles

Both courses are integrated into the Math department at the high school and do not replace a Math requirement. As with all AP college courses, much of the content of the course is prescribed by College Board. The AP Computer Science A is very specific with students

learning coding and ways to manipulate data. It introduces students to computer science with fundamental topics and is compatible with many CS1 courses in colleges and universities. The programming language used in the course is JAVA.

The AP Computer Science Principles course is an introductory class to the world of computer science, which would assist students in determining whether the field is a potential career path. It focuses on fundamental concepts and has a heavy emphasis on collaboration.

Motions

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the AP Computer Science A Curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the AP Computer Science Curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IV. AP English Language and Composition/ECE English 1007

No significant changes were made to the curriculum, but rather an update to the existing curriculum. Both courses utilize a Studio Pedagogy writing format.

Motion

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the AP English Language and Composition/ECE English 1007 curricula as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

V. English 10 Curriculum

The curriculum was reverted back to a chronological order format, which offers a more logical progression of American Literature than that of the current Thematic Study structure, allowing students to see how American literature has developed over the years.

A motion was made by Jim Crocker and seconded by Carol Ann Brown to accept/approve the English 10 Curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

VI. Adjourn

A motion was made by Carol Ann Brown and seconded by Jonathan Kapstein to adjourn the meeting at 4:24 p.m.; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige

Board Clerk

Recorded and filed subject to Board of Education approval by: Patricia Paige, Board Clerk