



Roseburg Public Schools

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Curriculum & Instruction Committee

2:00 PM

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<u> </u> x	Brandon Bishop	<u> </u> x	Michelle Knee
<u> </u> x	Rebecca Larson	<u> </u> x	Jill Weber
<u> </u> —	Howard Johnson, Alternate		

Summary of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee meeting held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. in the District Office Boardroom. Directors Krimetz, Bishop and Larson were present. The District Office Administrators present were Superintendent Jared Cordon and Assistant Superintendent Michelle Knee. Dr. Jill Weber, Roseburg High School Principal, joined the meeting as a presenter

Call to Order: Director Krimetz called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Welcome

Committee Chair Ann Krimetz opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. There were no additional in-person attendees, but Mr. Will Geschke from The News Review joined via Zoom.

2023-2024 Roseburg High School Course Changes

RHS Principal, Dr. Jill Weber shared the proposed course changes taking place for the 2023-24 school year. Beginning with the math courses, the intent is to align student’s post-secondary goals with the courses offered. Presently, students are required to complete 3 years of math in order to graduate. Some students take 5 years, four of which are in high school and one in eighth grade.

The breakdown of the new 2+1 Model is as follows:

- Year 1: 8th or 9th grade: Core Math 1 (comparable to Algebra 1) will concentrate on Algebraic Reasoning.
- Year 2: Core Math 2 will concentrate on Geometry and Data Science (Statistics and Probabilities).
- Year 3: Students begin considering their post-graduation plans and the mathematics courses necessary. Courses offered range from advanced algebra to a data science track (biological science or engineering fields) or financial and business math, to math in the trades for the CTE program offerings.
- Year 4: Students will have access to the upper-level math courses, i.e., AP and/or college credit or even explore one of the +1 options.

Following Dr. Weber’s presentation of the new math program, the floor was opened to questions. Director Larson inquired into the readiness of the math instructors for the 8th grade students. Dr. Weber explained that the math leadership group has been meeting and will be ready to fully engage students when we roll the program out in the fall. Director Bishop inquired about including AP Calculus AB/BC and Dr. Weber let him know we can certainly add those courses if there is a strong request for these courses. Superintendent Cordon recommended that Dr. Bishop read the math leadership group’s position paper

as we are doing more than just changing courses and curriculum. Director Larsen also inquired as to what the plan is for those students who are already in high school; they will be rolled up to the level they are to be at according to the grade level. Mrs. Larsen also asked about honors classes, noting that for some students it will meet their acceleration, but not necessarily their compacting needs. Mrs. Weber let her know there is potential for this in the future. Director Bishop asked if there will be any deficits with regards to the SAT and ACT; Dr. Weber shared that in fact, the skills required for these exams will likely be even stronger than before. Committee Chair Krimetz asked if we are purchasing new curriculum to meet the needs of these new courses. Dr. Weber shared that these changes come at a great time as this year is our math curriculum adoption time. Mrs. Krimetz also asked if this adoption will match our goals for students. Superintendent Cordon shared a recent conversation he had with a local industry leader and one of the things they noted is that there is a need for individuals who are fluent in statistics and probability.

In addition to sharing information on new math courses at RHS, Dr. Weber reported to the committee on the proposed new and returning courses in ELA, Health, Social Studies and Science. In the English Division, seven courses have been proposed:

- Comics Studies
- Fantasy/Speculative Fiction
- Mystery Literature
- Mythology
- Oregon Voices
- Revenge Literature; and
- Science Fiction

Director Krimetz inquired how many of these classes will be offered and if we have enough teachers available to offer these. Dr. Weber shared that it is likely we will offer the top four based on student requests and that there are enough teachers. Director Larson commented that an assortment of courses like this will help students fit in. Director Krimetz also questioned whether or not the subsequent expenses of these courses have been accounted for. Assistant Superintendent Knee replied that in last year's secondary ELA Adoption these new courses were included and the funds have been set aside.

Additionally, Dr. Weber shared that AP Human Geography will be added to the social studies department. This course will be a core course for 10th grade, in lieu of World History, and an elective for 11th and 12th grade.

In the Health and PE division, Unified PE/Unified PE Leadership, a new course will be added to the options offered. The Unified PE course is for students in the DLC program and their partners, with both students receiving a PE credit. Director Bishop inquired about students who are taking extracurricular athletic activities, such as karate. Dr. Weber let Dr. Bishop know that this would be considered an Independent Study PE program.

In addition to the new/replacement courses, there are two courses that will once again be offered, Microbiology, being taught by Dr. Larson and Mock Trial, being taught by Mrs. Stevens-Garcia. Both of these courses were previously archived, but are returning to active status.

Dr. Weber shared that in addition to the changes she shared, there are other courses being sunseted. Dr. Bishop asked if there has been any interest in adding an AP Chemistry option. Mrs. Weber noted that we will be offering college credit for Chemistry to students who request it.

The Committee expressed no objections to these changes.

6-12 Math Adoption Update

The next item on the agenda was the 6-12 Math adoption, with information being presented by Assistant Superintendent Knee. Mrs. Knee shared that beginning with the 2023-24 school year, the state has given district's two years to complete the adoption. Our team will spend year 1 on the core courses and year 2 will concentrate on the +1 classes. The state has provided a list of approved publishers and our committee consisting of the secondary principals and math teacher leaders will be the math adoption team. Presently, Mr. Bentea, Mrs. Opp, Dr. Weber and Assistant Superintendent Knee are currently going through the approved publishers and hope to cut the number in half that will be presented to the adoption committee who will then cut that list in half to develop the final pilot list. The pilot period is scheduled to run from February to April with the hopes of taking the results to the Board for adoption in June.

Mrs. Knee shared that online access will be available to teachers in June and that PD will start in August. Dr. Weber noted that the committee's position paper will be the guiding force in this work. Superintendent Cordon shared that the addition of Dr. Weber to the Teaching and Learning Department is perfectly timed.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m. The next meeting for this committee is yet to be determined.

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