

CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING - VIRTUAL

1/11/2021 [4:00PM-5:00PM] @ ZOOM

Roll Call

Present: Laura Alexander, Taylor Burkholder, Donna Cronin, Melinda Curran, Kimberly Dilger, Lauren Doyle, Jena Funck, Hana Gomma, James Grandi, Jessica Intrieri, Greg Knowles, Traci Landry, Guerline Laureore, Sun Mullins, Lindsey Schmidt, Lewis Shaw, Kathy Sicher, Jeffrey Smith, Tricia Steiner, Dave Sweigert, Erick Valentin, Lisa Wang, Stacy Winslow

Absent: Chelsea Gavin, Anna Gawel, Christine Hicks, Heidi Stine, Lisa Sviben Miller, Shari Taylor-Stuckey, David Yingst

Attendance Updates:

- Presenters: Barb Clouser, Joe Farrell, Guests: John Abel, Maria Memmi, Kristen Sachs,
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1. Call To Order

Minutes

Dr. Winslow called the Curriculum Council Meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

2. Review of Summary Notes

3. Informational

a. Introduction of Student Representatives to Curriculum Council

Taylor Burkholder
Hana Gomma
Lisa Wang

Minutes

Dr. Winslow announced that three student representatives have been chosen as members of this Council. Each student was announced and allowed time to introduce themselves to the Council. Taylor Burkholder is a Junior, Hana Gomma is a Sophomore, and alternate: Lisa Wang is a Junior. Welcome student Reps!

b. High School Updates - Dr. Jeff Smith

Priority Goals for High School Scheduling:

1. Student Flexibility
2. Tiered Student Interventions/Supports
3. Teacher Collaboration

In order to begin to effectively meet these three priority goals, Dr. Smith and the high school administrative team has worked with department chairs to create more appropriate credit designations for Physical Education classes as well as reduce overall graduation requirements by changing Tech Apps and Academic Literacy to classes that are either electives or assigned to students to help support their academic success.

Minutes

Dr. Smith updated the Council with the upcoming priority goals for High School Scheduling in the 2021-2022 school year.

1. Student Flexibility
 2. Tiered Student Interventions/Supports
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3. Teacher Collaboration

c. Kindergarten Waiver Update

Minutes

Ms. Schmidt updated the Council on Kindergarten Waiver. As of last year, four families chose the waiver and by the end of the year all four chose to enroll full time. It is suggested to bring to the Council next meeting a discussion on discontinuing the Kindergarten Waiver and going forward Kindergarten would be all day, full time. More discussion will be held at the next meeting in February.

4. Items for Discussion

5. New Business

a. Course Addition Proposal - Piano Class

Readmission of Piano Class into EPG for 2021-2022 School year. Presented by: Joe Farrell
This course was removed from the EPG a few years back due to lack of staffing. Joe taught this course for 17 years in the high school. It was a popular class and provides an additional general music course offering at the high school. The premise of the class is designed like a "piano lab" with each student working at his or her pace, depending on their previous piano playing experience. This class is designed for students with little or no experience through students who have been playing for years. This course was beneficial for students who wanted an individual, quality, musical experience without the evening/weekend time commitments of being involved in one of our department's musical ensembles. As we move out of hybrid/virtual instruction, this course offering also provides students an opportunity to express, learn and reflect about emotional reactions they have to the music they are playing as well as their individual performance practices.

Minutes

Mr. Farrell presented to the Council a Course Addition Proposal for the return of Piano Class. A motion was made for a first read by Donna Cronin and seconded by Kathy Sicher. All were in favor. This proposal will be presented as "Old Business" next month for a final read.

b. Course Revision: Connecting Passion and Purpose (this is a revision of Passion-Driven Research)

Presented by: Barb Clouser

This asynchronous, online course will allow students connect learning to something that they would like to change, create, design, or impact. The Genius Hour model will be employed as students work through the steps of passion, plan, pitch, project, product, and presentation. Students will have the opportunity go deeper, think bigger, and consider how to create long-lasting change.

This course will be fully online through Canvas. Students will schedule progress meetings with the Gifted Support teacher.

One purpose of this course is to create enrichment opportunities for gifted students to receive support during the regular school day. However, this course would be open to all students who would like to earn academic credit while studying a self-selected topic of interest.

Minutes

Mrs. Clouser presented to the Council a Course Revision Name Change Proposal. The previous name was Passion-Driven Research and the new proposed name would be: Connecting Passion and Purpose. A motion was made for a first read by Kathy Sicher and seconded by Donna Cronin. All were in favor. This proposal

will be presented as "Old Business" next month for a final read.

6. Old Business

a. Textbook Proposal - Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson

Curricular Area:	English
Subject Course:	College Prep English 12: Creative Nonfiction
Grade Levels:	Grade 12
Copyright Date:	2014
Recommended Title	Just Mercy
Author:	Brian Stevenson
Publisher:	Spiegel and Grau

Minutes

A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to approve the Textbook Proposal Just Mercy, for a second read seconded by Kip Shaw. All were in favor. This recommendation will now be presented to the Board of School Directors at their next meeting for a final vote.

7. Public Comment

8. Next Meeting - Next meeting February 8, 2021

9. Adjournment

Minutes

A motion was received by Kathy Sicher to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m.