

CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING

04/12/2021 [04:00 PM-05:00 PM] @ Board of Directors Room



Roll Call

Present: Laura Alexander, Donna Cronin, Melinda Curran, Lauren Doyle, Jena Funck, Chelsea Gavin, Hana Gomma, James Grandi, Missy Kunder, Traci Landry, Guerline Laurore, Sun Mullins, Lewis Shaw, Jeffrey Smith, Tricia Steiner, Heidi Stine, Dave Sweigert, Shari Taylor-Stuckey, Erick Valentin, Lisa Wang, Stacy Winslow

Write-ins: John Abel, Jaime Bean, Lindsay Drew

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes

The Curriculum Council Meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

2. REVIEW OF SUMMARY NOTES

3. INFORMATIONAL

a. CLARIFICATION ON HUMAN SEXUALITY CURRICULUM

New elementary lessons will be pulled from [KidsHealth](#).

Minutes

Dr. Winslow gave some clarification on the elementary Human Sexuality Curriculum. We are not using Advocate for Youth curriculum or lessons for the elementary level. The Secondary Curriculum is available for review by the public at our District Office and has been Board Approved.

For the Elementary Health Class, we will be using KidsHealth program. There is a link to this website attached to this agenda for your review. Lessons were pulled from the K-5 category and they are listed in bands. They are in Human Body, Health Problems and Personal Health. Teachers will be working this summer to pull appropriate lessons grades 2-5.

4. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. ALTERNATIVE CREDITS FOR PE CLASSES

Minutes

Discussion was made to include Alternative Credits for PE Classes for students Grades 11 and 12. Dr. Smith spoke regarding what the high school currently offers with APEX (Alternative Physical Education Experience.) We currently use this program when we have scheduling conflicts around music classes, labs, etc. This program we have in place already meets the requirements for PE. This would require 3 hours per week, Logs, Journals, meeting with teacher during the marking period either virtual or face to face. We could consider opening this up to students. This is currently not in our program of studies; it is used only for scheduling conflicts. Jamie Bean (PE Teacher) started teaching the APEX course this year. They have added some fitness components where they talk about what kinds of workouts are appropriate, also added, in addition to the activity logs, some other choice boards for different types of activity that students might not have had chosen on their own. It is a good opportunity for students to use activities that they are already doing in a school sport but also in dance classes or gymnastics in order to complete the activity

needs that they would have for a typical Physical Education Class. It also has some fitness planning individually where students can come up with a lifetime goals and things they would like to do besides team sports or things they are involved in currently.

Currently the HS has 83 students in APEX and the majority are 11 and 12th grade. Grade 9 and 10th they would like to have them in traditional PE classes.

Dr. Winslow mentioned that this is already an approved course. This does not require a Board Policy. This did not require a vote and there were no objections to move forward. Dr. Smith will meet with Guidance this week to get information out to students to see if there is an interest for this and we can get this on the scheduling process.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. COURSE ADDITION: ELEMENTARY HEALTH CLASS

Our current health and physical education special is offered in kindergarten-fifth grade, meeting twice a cycle with two homerooms in the gymnasium at one time. Currently, health takes place during physical education class. We have not had the time to fully teach the subject due to the combined classes and primary focus on physical education. We believe that learning about health from an earlier age will lead to better informed decisions as student matriculate through school. Kindergarten and first grade have a social skills special and will continue to receive health lessons through their two cycle days of physical education. We would like to divide the special so that students in second-fifth grade have health and physical education one cycle day each starting in second grade. This would allow us to focus equally on health and physical education in grades 2-5.

The course outline will focus on the three sides of the health triangle; physical, mental/emotional, and social health. It will also highlight social and emotional learning competencies such as self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making.

Minutes

A motion was made by Tricia Steiner to approve the Course Addition: Elementary Health Class, for a second read, This motion was seconded by Donna Cronin. All were in favor. This recommendation will now be presented to the Board of School Directors for a final vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

8. NEXT MEETING - MAY 10, 2021

9. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes

The Curriculum Council Meeting was Adjourned at 4:21 p.m.