



**Minutes
Curriculum Committee Meeting
Wednesday, August 16, 2023; 1:00 p.m.
Central Office
Conference Room**

Board Committee Members Present

Carol Ann Brown, Chair
Alice Jones
Jim Crocker

Absent

Tikva Rose

Also Present

Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Melissa Hodges, Faculty
Raymond Robillard, Faculty

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

Curriculum Review/Approval

A. Integrated Science

The course, intended for college prep freshmen, is designed to serve as a foundation for other high school science courses. It will emphasize the basic laws of chemistry, environmental science, and physics through laboratory and problem solving activities.

Motion

Alice Jones moved to accept/approve the Integrated Science curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, seconded by Carol Ann Brown, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

B. Catastrophic Events

Catastrophic Events is a lab-based course offering for 11th and 12th grade students. It focuses on the causes and hazards associated with profound catastrophic events that impact humanity such as hurricanes, earthquakes, volcanoes to name a few.

Motion

Alice Jones moved to accept/approve the Catastrophic Events curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, seconded by Carol Ann Brown, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

- C. Conservation and Sustainability
Conservation and Sustainability is designed to cover topics such as fossil fuels, mining, alternative energy sources and air/water pollution. The course will be offered to students in 11th and 12th grade.

Motion

Alice Jones moved to accept/approve the Conservation and Sustainability curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, seconded by Jim Crocker, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

- D. AP Calculus BC
AP Calculus BC is designed for students who wish to extend the challenge of AP Calculus AB. Students choosing to take the course will take the AP Calculus BC exam, which assesses knowledge of topics covered on the AP Calculus AB exam and others, can earn them college credit for two semesters of Calculus based on their exam score. Students may be required to put in time outside of the classroom in order to gain access to the additional content.

Motion

Carol Ann Brown moved to accept/approve the AP Calculus BC curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, seconded by Jim Crocker, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

- E. Building Bridges
Building Bridges is a one-credit, elective course designed for students in 9th and 10th grade with individualized education plans to learn study skills, time management, test taking skills, and transition skills. The class will take the place of an academic lab and students would receive one credit for the year-long course.

Motion

Jim Crocker moved to accept/approve the Building Bridges curriculum as presented and to recommend its approval by the board at their next meeting, seconded by Carol Ann Brown, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Curriculum Committee has been scheduled for Tuesday, August 29th; 3:00 p.m.; Central Office Conference Room.

Adjourn

A motion was made by Alice Jones to adjourn the meeting of the Curriculum Committee; seconded by Jim Crocker; the meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Patricia Paige". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

*Patricia Paige
Board Clerk*

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