Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Thursday, September 5, 2024@ 2:30 p.m.
Central Office
Conference Room

Board Committee Members Present	**Absent**
Alice Jones, Chair	N/a
Jim Crocker	
Chris Matta	
Michael Carbonneau	

Also Present
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning

I. Call to order
Alice Jones called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

II. Curriculum Documents for Approval

A. History through Film

- Scott Parkhouse presented the half-year elective course
- Course uses films to teach American history chronologically from Revolutionary War through the **2000's**
- Students analyze both secondary source films (e.g., "Glory") and primary source films
- Class appeals to diverse learners, including those who struggle with traditional history courses
- Committee approved the curriculum

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

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B. **AP Chemistry**

- Melissa Hodges presented the curriculum
- Course mimics a full year of college-level chemistry
- Students can potentially earn **8** college credits with scores of **4** or **5**
- Curriculum based on College Board standards
- After AP test, course covers additional topics found in university curricula but not in AP
- Committee approved the curriculum and commended improved test scores

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

C. **Chemistry**

- Melissa Hodges presented the reorganized curriculum
- Restructured to cover NGSS standards before May testing
- Added more nuclear chemistry content to align with NGSS standards
- Committee approved the updated curriculum

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

D. **Psychology**

- Steve Bunovsky presented the half-year course
- Course serves as an introduction to psychology, potentially leading to AP Psychology
- Curriculum combines main ideas from multiple units in AP Psychology
- Includes writing assignments and Socratic seminars
- Committee approved the curriculum

Motion

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motion carried unanimously.

E. **ECE Contemporary Issues in Sports** (This is a slight edit of the Sports and Society curriculum approved by the Board on 8/15/22 to align with UConn's requirements for those students taking the course for UConn credit) & **Textbook "Social Issues in Sports**" by Ronald B. Woods and B. Nalani Butler (this textbook is required by UConn for the ECE course)

- Kyle Brennan presented the UConn Early College Experience (ECE) course
- Half-year course offering **3** college credits through UConn School of Education
- Curriculum covers various social studies disciplines through sports lens
- Includes weekly quizzes on textbook readings and **2** position papers
- **10** students currently enrolled in ECE version, with **27** total in combined class
- Committee approved both curriculum and textbook

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Curriculum as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the textbook as presented and recommended that it be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

III. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to adjourn the meeting at 3:18 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk

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