Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Thursday, October 31, 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
Genna Riggi
Rebecca Trzaski
Jillian Chicano
Michael Sturges

I. Call to order

Alice Jones called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

II. Course Proposal for Approval

A. Expressive Art

- Genna proposed new half-semester expressive art course to pilot with SCOPE program
- Course focuses on self-expression, emotional identity, and problem-solving skills
- Course designed to be process-based rather than product-based to increase accessibility
- Team approved expanding course beyond SCOPE to regular art department offerings
- Course will incorporate CBT (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) wheel for emotional management

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Motion

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

III. Curriculum Documents for Approval

A. AP United States History

- Mike aligned curriculum with College Board's new course and exam description
- Course organized into **9** units to match College Board structure
- Increased emphasis on interwar years added
- No new materials needed as current books already aligned with updates
- Committee approved revised AP History curriculum

Motion

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

B. Current Topics in Civics

- Becky presented inquiry-based course structure without textbook requirement
- Curriculum organized by branches of government with current topics focus
- Course starts with foundational documents and media literacy
- Students choose current topics within each government branch for research
- Aligned with new state standards across **3** different civics classes
- Committee approved updated civics curriculum structure

Motion

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

C. Health Grades 6-8

- Jillian presented new skills-based approach replacing content-based curriculum
- Key skills include advocacy, self-management, analyzing influences, and decision-making
- Sexual health units separated by grade level
- Videos from Amaze.org used as resource

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Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the Health courses for grades 6-8 as presented and recommended that they be brought before the full board for final approval; all in favor; none opposed; motion carried unanimously.

IV. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to adjourn the meeting at 3:02 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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