Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Wednesday, January 8, 2025@ 3:00 p.m.
Central Office
Conference Room

Board Committee Members Present
Alice Jones, Chair
Jim Crocker
Chris Matta
Michael Carbonneau

Absent
N/a

Also Present
Brian Murphy, Superintendent
Taryn Fernandez, Director of Teaching and Learning
Matt Greaves, Spanish
Shannon Belanger, Math
Chad Williams, ASL
Vincent Pisano, 7th Grade Social Studies

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:58 p.m.

II. Curriculum Documents for Approval

A. AP Spanish Language and Culture/ UConn Spanish/Spanish 4

- Matt presented AP Spanish curriculum directly aligned with College Board AP standards
- AP exam scheduled for first two weeks of May
- Second year offering AP Spanish as standalone section
- UConn ECE Spanish combines two semester courses (3178 and 3179) into one year
- Students can earn 6 UConn credits by completing course with grade C or above
- Spanish department running two sections of UConn ECE due to high enrollment
- Karen Sandor organizing student trip to Spain in April 2025

Motion
A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the AP Spanish Language and Culture curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Approved

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the UConn Spanish/Spanish 4 curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

III. **UConn ASL/ASL 3**

- Program has grown to 63 total students
- Only 3 schools in Connecticut currently offering UConn ECE ASL program
- Students must complete ASL 1 and ASL 2 before entering UConn ECE course
- Follows UConn Curriculum/Chad added community service component
- Program provides 3 college credits through UConn
- Every university now accepts ASL as world language credit, including Cornell

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the UConn ASL/ASL 3 curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

IV. **World Regional Studies 1 (6th Grade Social Studies)**

- Taryn presented on behalf of Todd Fontaine, who drafted the curriculum
- Last year, the state passed new Social Studies standards and with those standards came re-alignment requirements
- Adjustments were made in the time-frames so that students finish their high school studies with present day knowledge

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve World Regional Studies 1 curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

V. **World Regional Studies 2 (7th Grade Social Studies)**

- Curriculum utilizes the geography, economy, history and civic standards presented in the Connecticut Elementary and Secondary Social Studies frameworks
- Each unit fosters students developing questions, planning inquiries, applying concepts and tools, choosing sources, and using evidence to communicate conclusions and take informed actions
- Creates opportunities for students to communicate evidenced-based conclusions

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve World Regional Studies 2 curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VI. New Course Proposal

A. Alegbra 2 with Financial Applications

- Shannon presented new course satisfying both Algebra 2 and financial literacy graduation requirements

Approved

- Course includes 8 units:
    - Discretionary expenses
    - Banking
    - Investment credit
    - Employment and income taxes
    - Automobile ownership
    - Independent living and retirement planning
    - Household budgeting
- Three math department members attending professional development for course preparation
- Implementation planned for 2025-26 school year

Motion

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Michael Carbonneau to accept/approve Algebra 2 with Financial Applications as a course offering, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,



Patricia Paige
Board Clerk
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