

District Instructional Materials Committee (DIMC)

December 7, 2023
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
District Board Room

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Welcome and Introductions | Jon Stadler

Jon Stadler called the meeting to order at 17:01 pm.

Attendees

Alyx Chamberlain	Primary Teacher	Vote Sent in Absence
Anthony Ase	STEM Facilitator	X
Bob Ettinger	DLT	X
Emily Ganyo	Human Resources	X
Erin Wolford	Parent	Vote Sent in Absence
Holly Megan Thompson	Elementary Principal	X
Jon Stadler	Chair	X
Julia Buller	Intermediate Teacher	
Justin Booker	School Board Representative	X
Kaisa Hammonds	Special Education	Vote Sent in Absence
Kate Concepcion	Student	X
Kevin Smith	DLT	Vote Sent in Absence
Megan Farmer	Secretary Sub	X
Michelle Le	Middle School Teacher, Language Arts	X
Mike McCarron	High School, Librarian	X
Richenda Garcia	Student	X
Stephen Rencher	Middle School Principal	X
Thomas Caudle	High School Principal	X
Trina Gratrix	Middle School Teacher, Math	X

Quorum Report

13/18 members are present, 4 are excused and submitted approval of both courses ahead of time. Quorum is met. Review of voting procedures using consensus model.

DIMC and Purpose | Jon Stadler

Overview of curriculum perspective provided by the variety of roles committee members bring to curriculum development before courses move on to the School Board for presentation and adoption. Review and approve all proposed pilot courses for the 2024 – 2025 SY. Full policy can be found in 2020P.

New Course Proposals

Medieval Women's History (HHS) | Teri Barlow

Proposal by Isabelle Walchenbach | Grade Level 11-12 | Length 1 TRI | Department Social Studies Elective

Course based on collaboration with Dr. Charity Urbanski using UW HSTAM 340 Medieval Women. Course focuses on social history of women during the European Middle Ages (~1450) through present.

- Is or could, women of color be included with socioeconomic status and gender? Question will go back to teacher. Current European region may make women of color difficult. Recommended adding content or a another course to study diversity of women in other regions.
- Will the course dig into societal and broader institutional norms of the time and how they relate to power and privilege?
- Would the course tie in the middle ages and critically think about if there is (or is not) a dotted-line link with the broader concepts to that of more recent historical narratives?
- Could the course fit more graduation to tailor to college needs
- With current intentional focus on including marginalized populations, course seems to be going backwards, maybe the region could be expanded beyond Western European populations.
- Procedural question, can committee approve to conditionally move forward with specified requirements. For more review by this committee, it could be tabled until the February 8, 2024 meeting. HHS can use a place holder for a "we think this will be an option"

Unanimous vote to table until February 8th meeting with proposed ideas and questions addressed.

College in the HS Chemistry (LHS) | Larry Mosko & Anthony Ase

Proposal by Lawrence Mosko | Grade Level 9-12 | Length 2 TRI | Department Lab Science

As College in the High School opportunities rise, intent to offer higher level science opportunities to students. Bellevue College Chem 140. Students must earn a C (2.0) or better. New laws eliminate fees for students. In order to teach this course, RSD teacher(s) must be trained by faculty at Bellevue College in course curriculum.

Current lower level chemistry is evaluating curriculum to align with NGSS. This CHS course brings the course to the next level for higher level chemistry.

- Any prerequisites? Math recommended. Keep Algebra I from standard chemistry as a prerequisite to this course.
- Explanation of benefits in LHS's move to College in the High School and allowing students to graduate with a year of college completed.
- Wondering if the course may bring post-academic careers? Not considered thus far.
- Textbook fees should be minimal (~\$30) and could be covered by district.
- Suggest 10th – 12th grades. Maybe with exception for 9th graders with instructor permission.
- Typical order is Algebra and Biology in 9th grade, NGSS chemistry in 10th grade. This will be intended higher level lab science.
- 1 credit at Bellevue college is \$125...5 credit class costs \$600. Saving hundreds of dollars or each CHS course before room, board, and books.

Unanimous approval.

Jon works with SIS to create course codes so buildings can start scheduling for next year.

Upcoming Meetings this Year

- NGSS Chemistry looking into new curriculum for presentation at May meeting for next year adoption.
- Elementary Health curriculum recommendations being heard at February meeting.
- Hope to hear from Isabelle Walchenbach on Medieval Women's History responses to questions.

Next Meeting February 8, 2023 | 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm | KEC Boardroom

Adjournment Jon adjourned the meeting at 17:45 pm.