Minutes
Special Meeting
Curriculum Committee
Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 2:30 p.m.
Central Office Conference Room

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

Absent
Chris Matta

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

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 2:36 p.m.

II. Curriculum Documents for Approval

A. Human Anatomy and Physiology (Presented by Shelly Stone)

- Curriculum begins with orientation and terminology used in medical settings
- Students study cells, medical imaging, and examine different tissue types under microscopes
- Course covers all major body systems: integumentary, skeletal, muscular, nervous, special senses, circulatory, lymphatic, immune, respiratory, and digestive
- Students dissect brains and rats as part of their lab work
- Course requires significant memorization of anatomical structures and their functions

Motion
A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the curriculum as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously. The curriculum will be brought to the full board for review and approval.

B. World Languages Year 1/Year 2 (Presented by Matt Greaves)

- Curriculum is standards-based and proficiency-driven for Spanish, French, and ASL
- Year 1 and Year 2 curriculum developed collaboratively by all language teachers
- Grammar structures and vocabulary vary by language, but assured experiences, VOL attributes, standards, and performance tasks remain consistent
- Curriculum designed as spiraling toward AP and ECE dual enrollment programs

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C. Advanced Culinary Arts (Presented by John Dominello)

- Builds on Culinary Arts 1, Culinary Arts 2, and Farm to Table classes
- Units include safety, sanitation, meat production, fish fabrication, and breakfast cookery
- Curriculum integrates multiple units simultaneously rather than teaching each separately
- Students compare cooking methods like sautéing, stir-frying, broiling, baking, and roasting
- Course provides real-world experience through community service, serving over 500 meals to senior citizens
- Program working toward offering college credit through state alignment
- Curriculum vertically aligned with middle school culinary program

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D. Agriscience Production (Presented by Katie Gorman)

- Junior/senior AG Production curriculum follows a rotational schedule with Year A and Year B
- Year A covers livestock science and agricultural sustainability including biosecurity, nutrition management, and reproduction
- Year B focuses on integrated food science and livestock production with units on food safety, dairy management, milk quality, animal proteins, poultry science, and food product development
- Students develop their own food products and present them in an expo as their final project
- "Animal proteins" terminology includes both traditional animal proteins and alternative proteins derived at cellular level

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E. Veterinary Science (Presented by Jenn Jedd)

- Junior/Senior Veterinary Science follows Year A and Year B rotation
- Year A aligns with UConn ECE Animal Science 1676 (Introduction to Companion Animals)
- Year A curriculum covers body systems: integumentary, digestive, musculoskeletal, cardiovascular, respiratory, renal, and immune
- Students learn form and function, animal issues, and related skills for each body system
- Year B covers business/hospital management, reproduction, genetics, and animal behavior/training
- Year B aligns with UConn ECE Animal Science 1602 (animal behavior and training)

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- Students work with animals to train specific behaviors and maintain training logs

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F. 10th Grade Nursery Landscape (Presented by Jenn Jedd)

- Builds on freshman plant science introduction with deeper industry focus
- Curriculum includes introduction to industry careers and landscape design
- Students learn plant identification and selection based on growing conditions
- Course covers landscape maintenance including weed removal, watering, mulching, and edging
- Students learn safe operation of landscape equipment including PPE and maintenance
- Curriculum sequence adjusts based on season (fall or spring) when course is offered

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III. Textbook Proposal

A. Financial Algebra: Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications (Presented by Ray Robillard)

- Course satisfies both Algebra 2 requirement and state financial literacy requirement
- Textbook integrates financial applications with Algebra 2 concepts
- Financial topics include discretionary expenses, income taxes, and real-world applications
- Algebra 2 concepts include statistical analysis, compound inequalities, and piecewise functions

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A motion was made by Alice Jones and seconded by Jim Crocker to accept/approve the textbook proposal as presented, all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously. The proposal will be brought to the full board for review and approval.

IV. Adjourn

Alice Jones made a motion, seconded by Jim Crocker, to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 p.m., all in favor, none opposed, motion carried unanimously,

Respectfully Submitted,



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Patricia
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Clerk
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