

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes, 1/12/2026

Board Members Present: Nancy Guyette, Stephanie Sweet, Kyley Hill, Amy Listenik

Others: Kim Hunt, Michael Potvin, Amber Carbine-March, Jared Trombley, Bethann Pirie, Scott Tarbox, Diane Reilly, Mia McKenzie.

Call to order: 5:02 PM by K Hunt.

Approval of Agenda/Public Comment: Motion made to approve the agenda as written, seconded, motion was approved unanimously. No public comment.

HS Course Proposals:

- M. McKenzie: Proposal of new course titled “Advanced Algebra with Financial Applications.” Target audience of replacing Algebra II and/or precalculus. Course would be different from “financial independence” and “consumer math.” Requires career research.
- A. Carbine-March: Proposal of two Anatomy semester-long courses (currently only offered as a one-semester course). Stand-alone courses (open to all four grades) that can focus on student interests
 - Anatomy A - energy and locomotion
 - Anatomy B - nervous, immune, reproduction
- J. Trombley: Offering AP Psychology. Much deeper than general psychology class, which is not needed as a pre-requisite. Will be geared more for 10th grade students and serves students interested in careers in health care outside the “norm.” Great “entry level AP course that is rigorous, yet accessible.
- B. Pirie (on behalf of Nichole Lefavre): Introduced two potential new courses for dance. “Introduction to Ballet - History, Terminology and Technique,” and “Dance Body Awareness.” Both semester courses.
- A Carbine-March: EPIC: REWILDER course proposal, which is a second semester opportunity for students who took EPIC: REWILD. All ages.
- S. Tarbox: German (a third language option - 1 credit) Could be an option for students who have maxed out French and Spanish, or students who have different language interests.
- M. Potvin: Rock, Pop, & Hip Hop as Literature.
 - Positive comments about the ability to learn history and language through a more culturally-relevant medium

Comments/Notes: B. Pirie mentioned that the AOE is shifting courses toward more applied concepts with higher-level thinking. These options all allow for additional credits that also meet potential new requirements. Courses may not run if not enough students, but they could be run in cycles depending on student needs. S. Sweet and N. Guyette voiced positive remarks about all the new programming presented.

Motion to approve all course proposals called by S. Sweet, seconded by N. Guyette. Unanimous approval.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:44 PM

Minutes submitted by A. Listenik