

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Diane Crocco, Ms. Rita Gedansky and Mr. Tom Hurley.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Mr. Steve DeMaio.

Staff members present: Dr. Marie McPaddo and Ms. Anna Mahon.

Also present: Mrs. Ruth Natzel.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the Conference Room at the Amity District Offices.

- 1. Call to Order:** Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

The Committee opted to discuss all the proposed courses and textbooks proposed and to entertain motions after discussion was completed.

- 2. New course proposals – (enclosures)** Ms. Mahan explained and highlighted the new course proposals, A and B below.
 - A. College Research and Writing (ELA)** – After discussion regarding the English requirements for four years at Amity High School, the Committee asked Dr. McPaddon to check with Dr. Dumais and pull policies that pertain to the “four-year requirement” for courses at Amity so that they can be put on the list for review by the Policy Committee.
 - B. Integrated Math 1B (Math)**
 - C. Aerospace and Physics of Flight (Technology Education)**- Dr. McPaddon stated that this is a course for eighth grade students.
 - D. Advanced Accounting (CTE)** – Ms. Mahon highlighted the change in scope and sequence of accounting courses at Amity High School.
 - E. Documentary and Experimental Video: Truth and Art in Film (Media and Fine Arts)** – Ms. Mahon explained and highlighted the redesign of the scope and sequence of the courses below in the media production portion of the Media and Fine Arts area (E through L).
 - F. Children’s Theatre (Media and Fine Arts)**
 - G. Special Projects in Video Production and Advanced Editing (Media and Fine Arts)**
 - H. Understanding Film: Watching, Collaborating and Creating (Media and Fine Arts)**
 - I. Media Production I: Techniques and Practice of the Moving Image (Media and Fine Arts)**
 - J. Media Production II: The Visual Story (Media and Fine Arts)**

The Committee asked that Dr. McPaddon and Ms. Mahon re-examine some of the classes proposed above in the Media and Fine Arts category and consider which courses might be offered for one semester rather than a full year.

- K. Acting and Directing for Film (Media and Fine Arts)**

After some discussion, Ms. Mahon proposed and the Committee recommended that this course be capped at two years and that the description be changed to read that the film students create will be “a minimum” of 8 minutes in length.

L. Chamber Orchestra (Media and Fine Arts) – Ms. Mahon explained the new scope and sequence for this proposed course.

An error was found in the proposal, changed to say “grade level 10 through 12” rather than “grade level 9 through 12”.

3. New Textbook Proposals

A. Vocabulary for the College-Bound Student, fourth edition (English/Language Arts)

Dr. McPaddon will bring 2 copies of this text to the next Board meeting for the Committee to review; the books were not available for this meeting.

B. Grade 7 Math textbook proposal – Dr. McPaddon gave the Committee copies of the new text for grade 7 which will bring grade 7 into alignment with the math curriculum for grades 8 through 12.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, 2nd by Ms. Gedansky to approve the courses presented above, items 2A through 2L, with changes and amendments as noted.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Hurley 2nd by Ms. Gedansky to approve the textbooks for Grade 7 math presented above.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Motion by Ms. Crocco, 2nd by Ms. Gedansky to approve the text, Vocabulary for the College-Bound Student, Fourth Edition, contingent on the Committee seeing the textbook within the next 30 days.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

4. Other – none.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Crocco, 2nd by Ms. Gedansky to adjourn at 8:15 pm

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk