

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Amy Esposito and Mr. Tom Hurley.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Ms. Robyn Berke.

Staff members present: Dr. Marie McPadden, Ms. Anna Mahon and Mr. Dameon Kellogg.

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee of the Amity Regional Board of Education (BOE) was held on Thursday, October 27, 2016 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 6:34 pm.

2. Approval of minutes – Curriculum Committee meeting 09/01/2016 (enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Esposito to approve the minutes as submitted.

Vote Ms. Esposito in favor, Mr. Hurley abstained.

Motion carried

3. Public comment - None.

The Committee agreed to take item numbers 4 and 5 in the agenda together as outlined in the packet so that the math items would be covered first.

4. New course proposals/modifications (for 2017-2018) and 5. Bethany, Orange Woodbridge and Amity (BOWA) curriculum articulation update

A. Middle School math textbook proposal – Glencoe Math: Course 3 (volumes 1 and 2)

Dr. McPadden and Mr. Kellogg explained that the entire course is online, no textbooks are used; the course also aligns with the high school math courses. After discussion, the Committee requested that they be sent a link to be able to examine the online content of this course. Dr. McPadden will forward the link to the Committee members. The Committee will schedule a short meeting at some point in the near future for the discussion and hopeful approval of this item.

B. High School Math new course proposals/modifications

Ms. Mahon explained that the purpose of these changes is to create a more flexible scope and sequence for the students.

1. Math Concepts and Applications LE changes to Match Concepts and Applications Level 2 and 3 (name change)

Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve the name change from Math Concepts and Applications LE to Match Concepts and Applications Level 2 and 3.

Mr. Kellogg answered specific questions regarding the content of the course relative to consumer math, personal finance, etc. There was discussion regarding the need for more emphasis on these subjects.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

2. Algebra 3 and Trigonometry

Motion by Mr. Hurley to accept Algebra 3 and Trigonometry as a new course to replace Pre-Calculus Level 2.

Ms. Mahon explained the changes as outline in the packet. This course will replace Pre-Calculus Level 2.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

3. Integrated 3 Algebra 2 Probability and Statistics

Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve Integrated 3 Algebra 2 Probability and Statistics as a new course.

There was discussion about the course and questions from the Committee members were answered by Ms. Mahon and Mr. Kellogg.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

4. Integrated 1 Algebra and Geometry and Integrated 2 Algebra and Geometry (name changes)

Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve the name changes for Integrated 1 Algebra and Geometry and Integrated 2 Algebra and Geometry.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

5. Advanced Placement (AP) Computer Science Principles

Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve AP Computer Science Principles as a new course.

Mr. Kellogg gave an overview of the course in which coding is more heavily emphasized. There was discussion about the course, the requirements in terms of hardware needed and teacher training.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

C. High school Math new text proposal

- 1. Algebra and Trigonometry**
- 2. Pre-Calculus: Graphs and Models**
- 3. Calculus: Graphical, Numerical and Algebraic, AP Edition**

Motion by Mr. Hurley to approve the three math text books, Algebra and Trigonometry, Pre-Calculus: Graphs and Models and Calculus: Graphical, Numerical and Algebraic, AP Edition for use.

Mr. Kellogg gave the Committee an overview of the three textbooks proposed; Mr. Kellogg had copies of the books for the Committee peruse. The books will be used in conjunction with MathXL or MyMathLab. Mr. Kellogg explained the cost savings that will be realized by purchasing the 2013 (5th) editions of the Algebra and Trigonometry and Pre-Calculus texts used rather than the newest editions. The books have been compared and sampled by the Math department and will give the students more challenging material. The Calculus text will increase the rigor of the current honors program.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

**D. High School Science new course proposal
AP Physics I and II**

Motion by Mr. Hurley to replace the current course, Physics I honors with AP Physics I

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Motion by Mr. Hurley to re-name AP Physics as AP Physics II

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

E. High School Fine Arts new course proposals**1. Honors Ceramics and Pottery*****Motion by Ms. Esposito to add Honors Ceramics and Pottery as a new course.***

Ms. Mahon explained the need for this class.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

2. Photography IV***Motion by Ms. Esposito to add Photography IV as a new course.***

There was discussion about this course and questions regarding the sentence in the packet under "rationale" that stated "They will volunteer for community photograph jobs and they will be given the change to shoot jobs for pay if they so desire." The Committee agree that this sentence would be changed to read "...given the change to explore their own marketability if they so desire." The reason for this was to eliminate the possibility of the school being seen as an employer. Ms. Mahon will make the change to the sentence.

Ms. Esposito amended her motion to add Honors Ceramics and Pottery as a new course with the sentence change as noted.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

3. Introduction to Art History I/II***Motion by Ms. Esposito to add Introduction to Art History I/II as a new course***

There was lengthy discussion about this course. After discussion, the Committee agreed that the proposal should go back and be rewritten to add some items to the student learning objectives and to have the curriculum further fleshed out for components I and II separately, to be one semester each.

Ms. Esposito amended her motion, that Introduction to Art History I be approved as a new, one semester course.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

4. Acting and Directing for Film***Motion by Ms. Esposito to add Acting and Directing for Film as a new course.***

Ms. Mahon explained that this course as proposed is moving back to a full year course rather than one semester and will be open to 9th grade students. There was lengthy discussion about the course.

Vote, Ms. Esposito in favor, Mr. Hurley abstained

Motion carried

5. Internet Broadcast Radio

Motion by Ms. Esposito to add Internet Broadcast Radio as a new course.

Ms. Mahon explained that the long-term goal of the course is to create an internet broadcast channel that belongs to Amity. There was discussion at length about this class.

Vote, Ms. Esposito in favor, Mr. Hurley abstained

Motion carried

**F. High School Physical Education new course proposal
Unified Physical Education*****Motion by Mr. Hurley to add Unified Physical Education as a new course.***

Ms. Mahon explained that this is an elective course that does not give a student credit for physical education (PE) but only credit as an elective. Students that elect this course would be placed with special needs students in their PE class and work with special needs students one-on-one. There was discussion about the logistics of this course; all questions were answered by Ms. Mahon.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

G. High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) new course modification***Motion by Mr. Hurley to change the name of the course Silkscreening to Screen and Specialty Printing.***

Dr. McPadden explained that the course will not change, just the name.

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

6. Follow-up testing report: Discussion

Because of the late hour, Mr. Browe called for Item #6 on the agenda to be moved to the next Committee meeting. Mr. Hurley asked Dr. McPadden to give a brief update regarding the testing report. She stated that she has upcoming meetings with various staff regarding the testing results/scores. Ms. Mahon added that there is additional information about testing changes that she will give at the next meeting.

Committee members were in favor of moving this report and discussion to the next meeting.

7. Other – none.**8. Adjourn*****Motion to adjourn by Ms. Esposito at 10:04 pm.***

Vote unanimous

Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Natzel, Recording Clerk