

Curriculum Committee of the Board Meeting Minutes December 11, 2017

The Curriculum Committee of the Colonial Board of School Directors met on Monday, December 11, 2017 in the Superintendent's Conference Room. The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm by Curriculum Committee Chairperson and Vice President, Leslie Finegold. Present were Board President, Felix Raimondo; Board Members: Susan Moore, Cathy Peduzzi, Mel Brodsky, Eunice Franklin-Becker, Rosemary Northcutt, Jennifer Dow and Adam Schupack; Superintendent, Dr. Michael Christian; Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, Dr. Liz McKeaney; Curriculum Supervisor, Maria Wileczek and Dr. Katy Giovanisci; Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Principal, Dr. Jason Bacani; and Community Member, Linda Doll; and Nancy Aiken.

Curriculum Committee Chairperson Leslie Finegold opened the meeting asking for any public comments and there were none. Dr. McKeaney then welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Comments: There were no public comments on the agenda.

Dr. Liz McKeaney opened the meeting with an overview of the agenda. She provided information regarding the research, review, selection, and approval process used for new course proposals. A handout of PWHS courses being proposed for the 2018-2019 school year and course update was presented. Dr. Jason Bacani, Principal of Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Curriculum Supervisors were asked to provide further detail.

Dr. Bacani gave a summary of each of the courses being proposed for the 2018-2019 school year. He noted that course refinement and development is a collaborative process among the Curriculum Staff, PWHS administrative team and teachers.

Each of the courses being proposed were then discussed. These included:

- Programming for Mathematics and Finance
- Introduction to Business (updated course progression chart)
- Honors Ceramics 2
- AP Computer Science Principles / H Computer Science
- Honors Advanced Robotics
- CI Media 2
- Writing Success
- Marine Science
- Modern World History (course name change to reflect 2017 curricular updates)
- Integrated Math Modified (updated course progression chart)
- Intro to Calculus (name change)

It was noted that the addition of a new course in Marine Science can inspire students to explore careers from oceanography to oil rigging while the Computational Mathematics in Python provides preliminary exposure to the fields of computational finance and investing or actuarial science. Discussion also included opportunities for students to advance their STEAM skills through courses such as AP Computer Science Principles, Honors Ceramics 2, Programming and

Robotics. Dr. Bacani stated that the Mass Media Production course (formerly known as CITV) will use existing equipment as the lab has been recently redesigned and updated.

Dr. Bacani stated that the course/schedule analysis would be completed by the end of April. Once student course selection has occurred, curriculum writing and/or professional development sessions will be scheduled.

Discussion Topics

A brief Q&A session was held, and there was consensus to move forward with the new course proposals.

Ms. Feingold asked the members if there was any further business, and there being none the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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