

**ENFIELD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
January 11, 2018**

The January 11, 2018 Curriculum Committee meeting was called to order by Tim Neville 6:02 PM.

Present: Tim Neville, Sarah Hernandez and Ashley Depeau
Absent: None
Also Present: Michelle Middleton, Meghann Burr, John Dague and Kerry Wiley
Audience: None

AP US Government and Politics & AP Comparative Government and Politics

Ms. Burr proposed the adoption of two .5 credit AP history courses: AP US Government and Politics and AP Comparative Government and Politics. These courses would be geared towards Grade 10 students, but would be open to students in Grades 10-12. Students have a 1 credit graduation requirement in Civics. Currently, students usually take two .5 credit Civics courses in Grade 10 to meet this requirement. These courses would be an option to help students meet the Civics graduation requirement. Committee members approved these courses.

Ms. Burr proposed bringing Latin I back into the Program of Studies. This course was cut out of the POS due to lack of teaching staff. We currently have a teacher who is able to teach Latin I, thus allowing us to expand our offerings. A student survey showed high interest in this course being offered. Ms. Burr also explained that this is a great language option for students who want to work on reading and writing skills. Committee members approved this course.

ACC Pathways Expansion & video Production HS Elective Course

Mr. Dague explained the ACC College Connections we have in existence. One such course, Electro-Mechanical, had been listed in the POS, but has never been offered. Asnuntuck plans to be ready to offer this course in the fall, so EHS students will be able to take it for the first time. Mr. Dague proposed offering an Emergency Medical Technician Certification through Asnuntuck. Upon successful completion, students would earn an EMT certificate through Asnuntuck, as well as be able to receive college credit through the Connecticut Credit Assessment Program administered by Charter Oak State College. A student survey showed there was high interest in such a course. The committee agreed this would be a beneficial offering to students, especially for those interested in medical or public safety careers. Committee members approved this course.

Mr. Dague proposed the adoption of Digital Video Production. This course would be a 1-credit course open to students in Grades 10, 11, and 12. There is large student interest in such a course and it is a growing field. The committee asked if this was an area in which there were future thoughts of expansion. Mr. Dague replied that there is high student interest and as a CTE pathways course it could qualify for Perkins Grant funding, so possibly. Committee members approved this course.

Math Electives

Dr. Wiley proposed the adoption of Math Applications, a .5 credit course open to students in Grades 10, 11, and 12. This course would allow students to apply knowledge they have learned in math, as well as increase student engagement in math. It also gives students another choice in earning credits to meet their

graduation requirement. The committee liked the idea of the real-world component. Committee members approved this course.

Dr. Wiley proposed offering Personal Finance as a math crossover credit (.5). The description in the POS would be modified with a sentence explaining this would be at the discretion of the Mathematics Coordinator, the Guidance Coordinator, and the Principal. The committee thought this may encourage more students to take this course, which they feel teaches great real-life skills and prepares students for success. Committee members approved this change.

Music Electives – Theatre

Ms. Middleton proposed a name change from “Honors Treble Chorus” to “Honors Chorus.” The rationale is both males and females now take this course. Committee members approved the change.

Ms. Middleton proposed adding two new theater courses: Drama and Musical Theater. Each course would be .5 credit, would be open to all students Grades 9-12, and would expand the choice of electives students have at EHS. Most high schools of our size already offer such courses. The committee was excited for the opportunities these courses would allow to all students. Committee members approved these courses.

Items from the Table

Committee members would like to see an updated chart reflecting the AP offerings at EHS. The updated chart is attached.

Committee members asked about what percentage of students are taking advantage of AP courses. Ms. Middleton stated the data reflects that 14% of students at EHS took at least one AP course in the 2016-2017 school year.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Middleton
Chief Academic Officer

Attachment: (1) AP Offerings

AP Offerings
(6 in 12-13, 10 in 15-16, 14 in 16-17, 17 in 17-18, 19 in 18-19)

	Math	Science	Social Studies	English	World Language	Special Areas
2018-19	AP Calculus A/B AP Statistics AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A	AP Environmental AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History AP Psychology AP European History AP US Government and Politics AP Comparative Government and Politics	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	AP Art History (Art)
2017-18	AP Calculus A/B AP Statistics AP Computer Science Principles AP Computer Science A	AP Environmental AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History AP Psychology AP European History	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	AP Art History (Art)
2016-17	AP Calculus A/B AP Statistics	AP Environmental AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History AP Psychology AP European History	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	
2015-16	AP Calculus A/B	AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	
2014-15	AP Calculus A/B	AP Physics I AP Physics II AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	
2013-14	AP Calculus A/B	AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History	AP Literature and Composition AP Language and Composition	AP French AP Spanish	
2012-13	AP Calculus A/B	AP Chemistry AP Biology	AP US History		AP French AP Spanish	