

Curriculum Committee Reports 2020-2021

➤ September 22, 2020 - 5:30

- Recap of week 1 of school. Lots of questions and bumps in the road.
- Remote learning
 - Positive feedback
 - Much improved from last spring
- Hybrid model
 - Seamless transition between in-person and online
 - Teachers using different models while teaching in-person and remotely
- New Software is beneficial
 - Screen Castify
 - Nearpod
- Tech integration specialists in each building
- Clubs - Virtual and in-person
- ICT Classes given extra help sessions
- A full presentation of the reopening of school was presented to the community at our regular board meeting.

➤ October 13, 2020 - 5:30

- Discussed two new course offerings for the 2021-2022 school year.
 - These new offerings will be presented at the November 10th board meeting.
 - Looked at the dual enrollment course offerings through the Beacon Program over the years and how it has grown.

- Reopening Committee meeting for Curriculum and Instruction on October 8th.
 - Positive feedback shared from parents and teachers
 - Live-streaming going well.
 - Students able to maintain their daily class schedules from home
 - Much improved from last spring
- November 10, 2020 - 5:30
 - Reviewed new course proposals that will be added to the 12/8 board agenda
 - Reviewed data and AP results from May 2020
 - Difficult to compare to prior years due to changes in exams and exemptions due to Covid.
 - Data will be presented to the community at the December 8th board meeting
- December 8, 2020 - 5:30
 - Received a social-emotional learning update from the secondary school's social worker and school psychologist.
 - PJ Pulse 20 minute presentation given to all students grades 6-12 during Social Studies or English classes.
 - Played a Cahoot game to facilitate discussions and as an ice breaker.
 - All students were given a follow-up survey to gauge if support is needed. They were able to identify several students that may have not been on their radar.
 - Support staff also developed Google Classrooms for each grade level with student resources.

- Also partnered with clubs like Student Organization and Varsity club to develop outreach opportunities.
- January 12, 2021 - 5:30
 - Social-emotional update from elementary school psychologist, Mrs. Carlson.
 - Progression of concerns from safety (mask wearing, physical spacing) in the beginning of the year to behavioral
 - Much anxiety among teachers and students in the beginning of the year. Focus was to maintain consistent routines.
 - Mental Health curriculum integrated into all classrooms
 - Circle of Friends and SAIL programs continued both in-person and virtually
 - PTA donated a series of books by author Julia Cooke for classroom use
 - Zones of Regulation, mindfulness program, integrated to all classrooms as well
 - Diversity and Equity Materials
 - Librarian worked to diversify books in the library
 - Teachers are being mindful to incorporate these books into their classroom curriculum
- February 9, 2021 - 5:30
 - Discussed curriculum items affecting 2021-22 budget
 - LOTE Program in secondary schools
 - SEAL in Elementary School
 - Pre-Kindergarten
 - SEAL shifting to be more inclusive.
 - Move to STEAM program
 - Discussed graduation community service requirement.

- Requirement is 32 hours; 8 hours per year.
 - Challenging due to COVID but virtual community service has been offered
 - Administration worked to identify students who were not close to meeting the requirement to assist
- Received an AP test administration update
 - College Board offering 3 different test options; in-person, digital, and hybrid of in-person and digital
 - Continues to be unknowns so further conversations will take place between admin and AP teachers
 - Further information will be provided by College Board.
- March 9, 2021 - 5:30
 - Discussed Co-Curricular Clubs
 - Elementary School
 - 2 clubs running - Student Government and Yearbook Club
 - Hoping to add Intramurals and Gardening Club in the spring
 - Middle School-combination of in-person and virtual
 - 7 clubs running
 - Hoping to add Intramurals and Gaming Club in the spring
 - Virtual production of Junie B. Jones performed by the Drama Club was a hit!
 - High School-combination of in-person, virtual, and hybrid meetings
 - 25 clubs running

- Overall attendance of students is low compared to previous years
 - Hopeful that with students returning to 5 days in-person school will be the catalyst for more of a presence at clubs
- Therapy Dog Program
 - Program will resume at the elementary school in April
 - Hoping that this will continue next year in all 3 buildings
- LOTE Program Enrollment
 - Currently offering 4 languages - Spanish, French, Italian, and Latin
 - Discussed unbalanced enrollment
- Administering of AP Exams
 - Still many unknowns regarding which exams will be in-person, digital, or a combination.
- April 13, 2021 - 5:30
 - Preview of Professional Development Presentation given by Dr. Caravello
 - Update about elementary state tests
 - Tests will be administered online in school for grades 3-8 beginning next week.
 - Grading policy for Regents Exams
 - 4 Regents Exams are being given in June; Earth Science, Living Environment, Algebra 1, and Grade 11 ELA
 - Exams are not mandatory due to COVID

- Students may receive an E (Exempt) on their transcript if they chose not to take a Regents exam
 - Considering a “No Harm” grading policy to encourage students to take the Regents
 - Regents grade would only be included if it helps the student’s quarter 4 average.
 - Consistent with many surrounding school districts
- May 5, 2021- 5:30
- Therapy Dog Program Update
 - Positive feedback at the elementary school level
 - Will be extended to special education and ENL students throughout the summer
 - Co-curricular Club update
 - Elementary school is running 3 clubs; Student Government, Yearbook, and Intramurals
 - Attendance has remained consistent and steady
 - Middle School is running 10 clubs including the addition of Intramurals and the Royal Gaming Club
 - 2 student petitions were submitted to add new clubs for next school year; Star Wars Club and Skateboarding/Biking Club
 - High School has 25 clubs running
 - Attendance has been low compared to previous years
 - Possibility of adding a Gaming Club in the HS due to its popularity in the MS

- Discusses having a club fair at the beginning of the 2021-22 school year for all students to engage interests and promote participation