

South Middleton School District
Curriculum & Instruction Committee Minutes
from July 27, 2021 Meeting

Committee Members: Bethanne Sellers (*Chair*), Stacey Knavel, Liz Knouse (*President, De Facto*)
Elizabeth Meikrantz

Teachers: Tracy Mersch, *English Department Chair*

Administrators: Melanie Shaver-Durham, *Director of Curriculum and Instruction*; Trisha Reed, *IFES Principal*; Jesse White, *YBMS Principal*; Jessica White, *Supervisor of Special Education*

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Welcome and Introduction of Committee Members
3. Old Business
World Language and Social Studies will be the next departments to begin curriculum writing with the help of department chairs, Mr. Bogdan and Mr. Freese, respectively. The mapping template, approved 2 years ago along with the consultative services of Janet Hale will reconvene to begin.
For ELA, the Social Justice elective is the only outstanding course to be completed.
Recognition of district to continue writing curriculum during the pandemic.
4. New Business
 - a. 6-12 Family and Consumer Science Curriculum maps recommendation
 - i. Family and Consumer Science 6-7-8 are part of middle school rotation
 - ii. Basic Foods, Advanced Foods, Child Development I, Child Development II, Fashion, Interior Design are 0.5 half credit electives
 - iii. Personal Finance – 1 required course for FCS to graduate
 - iv. New textbooks already approved summer of 2020 with printed and digital access, served well throughout this year and aligned to curriculum mapping
 - b. 6-12 ELA Curriculum maps recommendation
 - i. English Language Arts 6, 7, 8 – every student, each year at middle school
 - ii. English Language Arts 9, 10 – every student in 9th or 10th, also Honors
 - iii. American Literature – usually for grade 11 or 12, if students take this then not likely take Elements of English; has 4 new novels for choice in literature circles
 - iv. Applied English – different focus, not college preparatory
 - v. Elements of English – taken in lieu of American Literature
 - vi. World Literature – usually for grade 11 or 12, 6 novels for choice in literature circles
 - vii. Advanced Communication
 1. 0.5 half credit elective, must be paired with another 0.5 English elective to earn 1 full credit, or it can be taken to fulfill another half-credit elective not for English credit

2. Public speaking skills, make better consumer of media
 - c. Resources needing Board approval for ELA
 - i. Recommendations and briefing forms provided with 16 resources, 6 websites and 10 novels
 - d. Motion by Stacey Knavel to extend time to review curriculum resources as Board had only received them earlier that day. Seconded and an additional meeting time added for 1 week so committee has adequate time to review resources, rationale, and recommendations.
5. Public Comment (2 residents)
- a. Denise MacIvor – Consider placement of drama as element of literature and former Global Issues course with current events should return as an offering to students.
 - b. Randy Evans – Has diversity work been used to make any of these recommendations?
 - c. Carrie Snyder-Evans – Advanced students – can teachers differentiate to meet their needs for those who need to move ahead?
6. Next meeting date: Prior to regular Board meeting Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.