

**Special Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting**  
**November 9, 2020, 6:15 p. m.**  
**Central Services**

Present:

Sarah Thrall  
Rosemarie Weber  
Brandon Webster  
Jennifer Parsons  
Jordan Grossman

Absent:

Melissa Migliaccio

Member of the Public: N/A

Meeting commenced at: 6:25 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:02 p.m.

1. Public Comment: None
2. Assistant Superintendent's Monthly Report:
  - Assistant Superintendent Parsons gave an overview of her activities for the month. Highlights included:
    - Began gathering information regarding the progression of World Language instruction and of Music/Strings
    - Continued discussion at GMMS around impact of scheduling on curriculum
    - Supporting teachers and administrators in preparing for hybrid and remote models
    - Planned and implemented Professional Development for November 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - Initial review of distance learning and a drug and alcohol policy
    - Planned for Waking Up White Book Club
    - Continued work with the CSDE and DPH around monitoring Covid-19
3. Draft policy 4000.1 – Title IX – Personnel:
  - Discussed the Title IX policy and made a few edits to the recommended policy. Rosemarie Weber moved that Policy 4000.1 – Title IX – Personnel, be forwarded to the full Board with changes discussed. Brandon Webster seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Draft Policy 5145.44 – Title IX – Students:
  - Discussed the Title IX policy and made similar edits as in the personnel policy. Rosemarie Weber moved that Policy 5145.44 – Title IX – Students, be forwarded to the full Board with changes discussed. Brandon Webster seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

5. New Text: Foundations of Language & Literature (English Pre-AP 9)
  - Brandon Webster and Rosemarie Weber each took a copy of the text to review. Assistant Superintendent Parsons will forward the Program of Studies that outlines the course objectives as well as the State Standards.
6. New Course: Natural Disasters (Science, Grades 10-12)
  - A proposed new course about Natural Disasters and the impact weather has on our world has been proposed by the Science Department at the High School. Assistant Superintendent Parsons will gather information about the history of adding the course and the committee would like to look at the department holistically at the next meeting.
7. Professional Learning Update
  - At the recent Professional Development on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, the topics that were included were Social-Emotional Learning, Title IX, and teaching remotely.
8. World Language Update
  - Assistant Superintendent Parsons reported on her work on the GMMS schedule and how the World Language department is impacted. The committee discussed the need to assess the progression of World Language now that Chinese has been available at the Middle School for a few years and Spanish is in the Elementary School as it has implication on courses offered at the High School.
9. PSAT/SAT
  - Assistant Superintendent Parsons reviewed the current practice of having all of the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grade students and some 11<sup>th</sup> grade students take the PSAT. Her recommendation was to begin taking the PSAT in grade 8 as it would assist with class placement in the High School and would align with SAT work.
10. Other
  - There will be a presentation by the Guidance Department to the full Board in December and it was decided an additional presentation at the Curriculum subcommittee was not necessary.

A motion was made by Brandon Webster and seconded by Rosemarie Weber to adjourn the meeting. This motion passed unanimously at 8:02 p.m.