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MINUTES

**Curriculum & Program Development Committee
Brunswick School Board
January 20, 2016
12:00 p.m.
Assistant Superintendent's Office
46 Federal Street**

Board Members Present: Corey Perreault; Joy Prescott; Teresa Gillis; Brenda Clough

Staff Members Present: Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent; Jennie Driscoll, BHS Art Teacher; Bob VanMilligan, BHS Science Teacher; Pam Wagner, BHS Social Studies Teacher; John Paige, 6-12 Curriculum Coordinator.

Call to Order

Corey Perreault called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Adjustments to the Agenda

Add inform the board about BHS Art class configuration and planned curriculum alignment; BHS Honors Science and BHS SS curriculum.

BHS Visual / Performing Arts

2-D foundations and 3-D foundations broken into 2 semester-long courses / opportunities to specialize and increased flexibility for students. These electives would replace "Art I and Art II".

Plan for staffing and enrollment projections included in presentation. Guidance will be able to fit student into classes more easily. Will be coming up with curriculum UBD revisions – Performance Indicators will drive this work of aligning UBD's.

Presentation of Science Curricula

Writing and developing the new curriculum has been a very positive process for the teachers. Discussion included questions about the honors Geophysics class – seems that the speed, pace, amount of work is more like AP than Honors level ... curious about how much additional work on top of the written curriculum – UBDs don't reflect fully the increased level of complexity and pace and workload in the Honors

classes... Not sure if they should be more descriptive or if it's ok to describe these differences within the course catalog. Another question about the Marine Science and Environmental Science – reading about it vs “doing it”? John Paige will get the curricula documents to the full board for a vote on Feb. 10.

BHS SS Curriculum

Freshmen have had to choose between Ancient and Medieval vs Geography... Then sophomore kids could take European History or Modern History – then US History is tracked by difficulty level. This new plan would have Freshman and Sophomores all have the same general content – then augmented or scaffolded ... SO there are some basic performance indicators and standards, etc. that all students need to learn – and from there the teachers can augment or scaffold, depending upon the student readiness. Board members agree to put this before the full board for approval, barring any significant concerns that may arise before then.

Discussed the possibility of Financial Literacy in the SS department ... ideas coming soon!

Discussion of K-5 Social Studies Curricula Drafts

Cheryl White presented several well-done, draft stage K-2 units to provide board members with a glimpse into what the works in progress look like. The units are likely to be ready for board presentation in another month or so.

Next Meeting Date ... February 24th at 1:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Pender Makin, Assistant Superintendent

- c. Committee 2016: Brenda Clough, Teresa Gillis, Corinne Perreault, Joy Prescott
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Cheryl White, John Paige
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