

CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday January 28, 2020

TSO Conference Room- 5:45 p.m.

Minutes

Present: Joy Greenstein, Jennifer Laden, Dr. Michael Murphy – Board of Education  
Marc Balanda, Principal Brookfield High School  
Maureen Ruby, Assistant Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. Balanda and Dr. Ruby gave a brief overview of the role and responsibilities of the CAPE Committee.

Mr. Balanda provided a detailed presentation on the proposed revisions to the 2020-21 Program of Studies for Brookfield High School.

- The first revision discussed was the minimum requirements for graduation from BHS. As a result of timeline changes issued by the Connecticut State Department of Education for the “Senior Demonstration Project,” the requirement for said project for the Classes of 2021 and 2022 was removed from the Program of Studies.
  - In accordance with the changes in how required credits for graduation are “grouped” in the new state requirements, the required credits, by department, at Brookfield High School, are proposed as follows:
    - Social Studies 3.5
    - Math 3.0
    - Science 3.0
  - Senior Demonstration Project is added
- The “Alternative Program” has been renamed “STEPS.”
- Online Learning Opportunities was revised to include addition specificity in the requirements. After a discussion, the committee recommended that additional detail be added to include language specifically addressing “state approved” providers. Mr. Balanda will make revisions.
- Yearbook, currently a fall class and facilitation by a stipend position in spring have been revised.
  - Fall semester class is open to students in grades 11 and 12
  - The spring semester, previously eliminated, has been added back and is open to students in grades 9-12
  - Spring stipend is eliminated
- Fine and Performing Arts is renamed: Visual and Performing Arts
- Orchestra is renamed Chamber Music
- American Sign Language II is added to support developing sequence of ASL instruction
- French 4 and 5 are deleted and French Cinema is added

The Committee voted unanimously to approve the proposed changes, with the recommended additional language added to “Online Learning,” and recommend approval by the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Maureen Ruby