

BELMONT CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

REMOTE MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2021

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DATE: January 20, 2022
TIME: 9:06 AM

Present: Amy Checkoway
Ralph Jones
Meg Moriarty
Janice Darias, Assistant Superintendent

Call to order at 3:00 pm

Item of Business: Review of 2022-23 Belmont High School Program of Studies.

The purpose of this meeting is for the subcommittee to hear about and provide feedback on three proposed new courses for Belmont High School for the 2022-23 school year. There will be a presentation to the full School Committee on January 4, 2022. Feedback from this subcommittee meeting will inform the presentation on January 4th and a vote on January 18, 2022 in order to roll them out for registration in February 2022.

Three Proposed Additional Courses:

- Chinese 5 Honors.
 - Target audience: Seniors who do not wish to take AP Chinese; will be combined with AP Chinese and instruction will be differentiated
 - Enrollment: 2 Chinese teachers; 6 sections of Chinese language; currently there are just 16 students enrolled in Honors 4 Chinese
 - Additional Costs: No additional staffing or budget adds

- AP World History, Modern to replace AP European History
 - Enrollment: Currently 91 students are enrolled in AP European History and the goal is to enroll more than that because this course is more comprehensive than European History
 - Staffing: 1:1 (same teacher); College Board teacher training would be an add
 - Additional Costs: textbooks approx. \$140 each X 100 books
 - District Goals: Offers a more culturally responsive curriculum

- Full Year Statistics/Probability Math Course
 - Enrollment: Combine 2 ½ year courses; currently only AP and Calculus math courses are offered for Seniors and this would diversify those offerings
 - Staffing/Budget: Neutral

One Proposed Course Change:

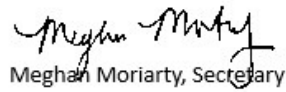
- Visual Performing Arts Department: Music in TV and Film
 - Proposed change = Combine 2 ½ year courses into 1 full year course

After the presentation by the HS teachers and Assistant Principal, the School Committee expressed support for the proposed changes. Ralph Jones noted that World History offers a more diverse view of history, which aligns with the District goals. Members suggested the presentation to the full SC include information about:

- Staffing/budget impact(s)
- Meeting student needs
- Alignment

Adjourn 4:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:


Meghan Moriarty, Secretary