



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

February 3, 2011

AGENDA ITEM: 9.13

TOPIC: SECOND READING OF NEW COURSE “COMIC SLAM”

BACKGROUND: In the fall of 2010, curriculum discussions led to a .5 credit increase in the science requirement at 7th grade. This increase will take effect in fall of 2011. With the increase in 7th grade science, discussions around elective offerings at the Jr. High level led to the decision to offer 2 credits of elective choice for all 7th and 8th grade students, beginning in the fall of 2011. Elective departments have worked throughout the fall of 2010 to update current offerings or create new course offerings in elective areas. Some offerings will be tailored to mixed groups of 7th and 8th grade students, while some offerings will be offered to grade level students at either grades 7, 8 or 9.

PROCESS: Due to recent credit requirement changes at the jr. high level, the Art department has designed several new electives to provide students experiences in specific art mediums and genres. This course will provide students experiences in creating characters and caricatures, graphic novels, comic strips, super heroes and more. Students will experience techniques and skills associated with comics, animation, and film. The course will be offered on an every other year rotation to students in grades 7 and 8.

The School Board had the first review of this new course proposal at the January 6, 2011, meeting.

RECOMMENDATION: Approval of a new 7th and 8th grade elective course offering, “Comic Slam”, for the 2011-12 school year.



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Inspire the Learner, Ignite the Potential

Course Title: Comic Slam

Course Number:

Grade Level: 7-8

Credit Hours: .5

Course Description:

Wham! Bam! Comic Slam! Investigate characters and caricatures, graphic novels, comic strips, super heroes, Anime/Manga, animation and film. No experience necessary to enjoy, be successful, and learn about comic Art! You will be introduced to new ideas and techniques. You will also have the opportunity to expand your own creative style. This class is an exciting adventure through the vast world of comic Art.

*This course is offered every other year.

Prerequisite:

n/a

Articulated Agreements / College Credit(if applicable):

n/a

Alignment with Minnesota Academic Standards or national/state contest standards:

Specific Course Learner Outcomes:

Course Outline with Pacing:

Additional Information: