

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 10, 2014 6:00 PM
Curriculum Conference Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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Present: A. Kirkpatrick, K. McClellan, J. Formeister

K. Pezza, G. Cotzin

Wording changes for course booklet---

instead of Algebra A & B, "Topics in Algebra 1"—slower paced one year course instead of 2 years

instead of Discoveries in Geometry, "Topics in Geometry" for sophomore year (consistency in names)

prerequisite change for AP Statistics---grade for Algebra 2 must be A- (up from B+), for Honors Alg .2 must be B (up from B-)

New courses---

Topics in Algebra 2—with new math standards, by end of Junior year students need some Alg. 2 for Smarter Balanced Test. Same resources to be used, but not all of the book will be covered.

Effective Leadership—independent study with Business Dept., in addition to teacher's regular classes, expect no more than 3 students. Much self-paced online work. Materials funded through Perkins Grant

Microbiology—60 of 100 students surveyed are interested. Need for new course offerings/choices due to lack of interest in available courses. Will need microscopes (\$2000) and consumable supplies (\$500)

Zoology—for non Chem/Physics students. Will substitute existing course. \$500 per year for 3 years for resources and support materials

Science and Law and Astronomy are being replaced. The former never runs and the latter no longer has a qualified staff person to teach.

English pre-requisites---more specifically outlined, to be more in line with honors level courses in our DERG. They will set the tone for the rigorous course work in honors courses.