



## Curriculum Committee Minutes

**Location:** Board Room

**Date:** 2/5/2024

**Members:** Chris Gastrock (Chair), Linda West, Eric Baldwin

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

### I. Call to order

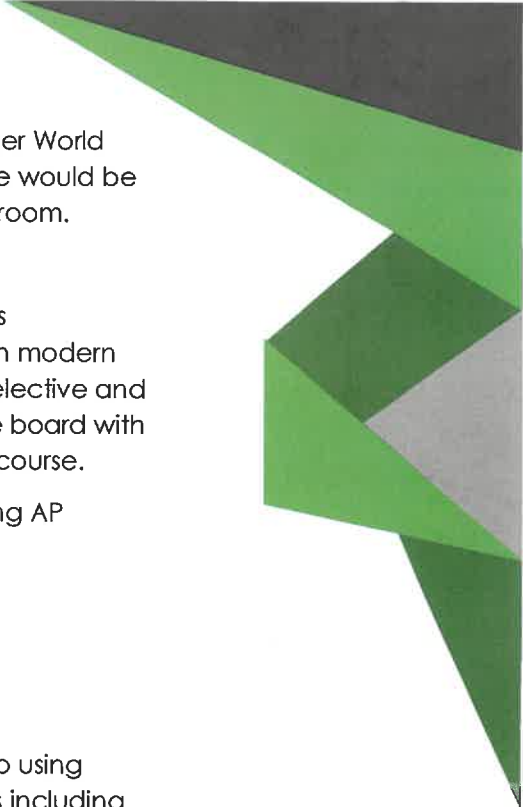
Chris Gastrock called to order the regular meeting of the Curriculum Committee at 5:02 p.m. on 2/5/24 in the board room.

### II. Attendance

Attendee Names: Alanna Huck, Chris Gastrock, Maegan McConnell, Linda West, Al Bieber, Eric Baldwin, Dan Nowak, Jerry Curreri, Todd Outman, Karen Farrer, Steve Adams, Ben Miller, Jen Erway, Jill Gastrock, Tiffany Getty, Bryce Bitner, Emma Mosher, Courtney Russell, Tracy Doughtie, John Shaffer, Tanya Harmon, Sarah Vickery, Susan Gage, Jack Bryant, Abigail Reinhold, Cary Bartlett, Jacob Abadi, Watson Feil, Karter Campbell, Olivia Chilson, and Jessica Chilson.

### III. Old Business

- a) HS Social Studies Department Curriculum/Staffing
  - i) Mrs. Huck presented the board with the rationale that was used to curtail the history department last year from 4 teachers to 3. She also provided the board with the incoming numbers for the freshman class. She noted that throughout the budget process the board would need to look at all programs. Mrs. Huck stated that she thought the board would need to bring back the additional teacher due to the size of the incoming freshman class.

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- ii) Miss Russell also spoke to the enrollment in her World History Class and her fear regarding how she would be able to have any more students in her classroom.
  - b) Course Proposal – Recent US History
    - i) Mr. Bitner proposed a course for the board's consideration that would allow him to teach modern American History. The course would be an elective and would be research based. He provided the board with a course outline along with his vision of the course.
    - ii) Mr. Bitner also spoke to his concern regarding AP History.

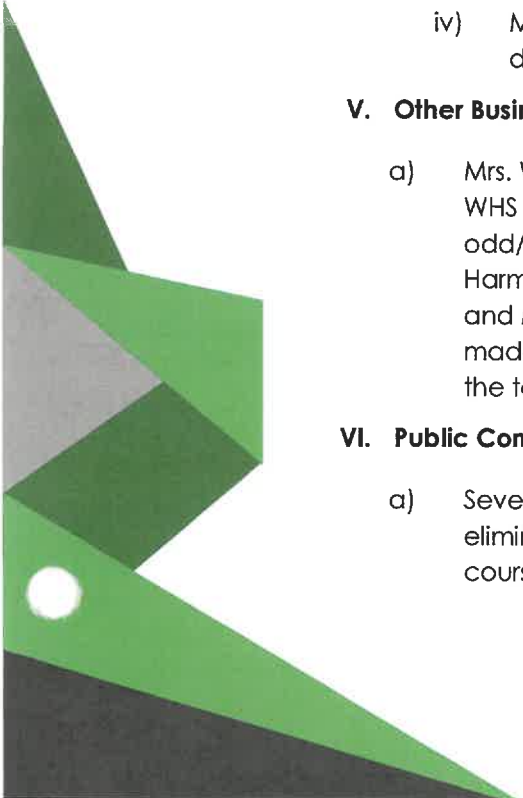
#### **IV. New business**


- a) Flexible Instruction Days
  - i) The administration spoke out in opposition to using flexible instruction days due to several issues including but not limited to: access to the internet for all students, attendance issues, student participation, and the fairness to our students who need one-on-one help through in person education.
  - ii) Mrs. Huck reminded the board the state still wants school districts to build in snow make up days.
  - iii) Mrs. McConnell wondered if a more formal FID Day would be helpful in which students are required to be in virtual classrooms and teachers would have live sessions through Zoom or Google Meets.
  - iv) Mr. Gastrock commented that he would like to see the district move away from FID days.

#### **V. Other Business:**

- a) Mrs. West asked if schedules could be handed out to the WHS departments for feedback. She questioned how the odd/even rotation in the schedule was selected. Mrs. Harmon stated that it was through discussion with teachers and Mr. Byrd. She noted that some changes have been made since the original DRAFT course guide went out to the teachers for review.

#### **VI. Public Comments:**

- a) Several community members spoke out in opposition of eliminating any AP courses, specifically the AP History course.
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- b) Several High School staff members spoke out in favor of returning to the block schedule.
  - c) A few students questioned the cell phone policy and would like the board to reconsider.
  - d) One student spoke in favor of weighted grades and asked the board to consider it for future classes.
  - e) Several community members asked when Ms. Mohr would be returning to her duties at the High School.

**VII. Adjournment**

Chris Gastrock adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

