



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Minutes

November 4, 2021

9AM Central Office

Dot Logan, Joe Solimene, Susan Bass, Alessandra Brownell and Melinda McKenna were present.

- Seal of Biliteracy Proposal- 6-12 World Language Coordinator, Alessandra Brownell will join us to discuss
Mrs. Brownell shared her proposal with the group. Beginning in the fall of 2022, students will have the opportunity to earn the Seal of Biliteracy; this is an award given in recognition of students who have attained proficiency in two or more languages by high school graduation. This is attained by reaching proficiency on the STAMP assessment which assesses proficiency in reading, writing, speaking and listening. Students in our high level World Language courses and EL students who reach English proficiency are eligible. If awarded the Seal of Biliteracy, students will have a special seal on their diploma and in many cases some of the state universities grant up to nine world language credits to a student upon enrollment.
- Middle School Chinese Course Proposal - 6-12 World Language Coordinator, Alessandra Brownell will join us to discuss
We discussed expanding Chinese to the middle school world language options. We would begin in grade 7. This would open up the choice of languages to Chinese, Italian, Spanish and French at the middle school.
- Textbook Proposal- **American Literature and Rhetoric** - 6-12 English Language Arts Coordinator, Sue Bass will join us to discuss

We discussed this new textbook and Mrs. Bass spoke about how she will use it as a resource in the grade 11 curriculum. She will come back to the group in a couple of months to share the updates to the curriculum and finalize the textbook proposal.

- NHHS Skills Class Credit
Mrs. McKenna shared that students who take a Skills Course at the high school are awarded 1 credit.

- New Club Proposals:
 - DECA Club - The group discussed the cost and time needed to become a DECA Club- the C & I Committee recommended having a Business Club as this could be started immediately. Students should work with the school administration, as well as Mr. Bevins and Carol Ardito.
 - Mental Health Matter- Approved
 - Debate Club- Approved
 - Chess Club- Approved

Mrs. McKenna shared that a Ski Club has been proposed again numerous times, but there is not a faculty advisor who will attend the trips with the students; therefore we can't officially bring this proposal to C & I.

Mrs. McKenna shared that she is working to bring in more UCONN ECE courses. She spoke about the various AP and college credit courses we offer in the district.