

Seymour  
Board of Education  
**Curriculum Committee**

Minutes  
**Wednesday, December 12, 2007**  
Central Office  
7:00 p.m.

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**Those in attendance:** Mr. Bruce Baker, Mrs. Rhonda Geffert, Mr. Fred Stanek, Mrs. Rose Marie Yitts, Ms. MaryAnne Mascolo, Mrs. Christine Syriac, Mr. Rick Belden, Mrs. Mary Sue Feige, Ms. Jodie Mozdzer, Mr. Richard Rossik.

Meeting called to order at 7:07p.m.

Ms. Mascolo opened the meeting and asked for nominations for chairperson. Fred Stanek nominated Mrs. Rose Marie Yitts. Ms. Mascolo called three times for another nomination hearing none, she closed the nominations and called for a vote.

**MOTION:** (Mr. Stanek/Mrs. Geffert) to nominate Mrs. Rose Marie Yitts for chair person.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

Jim Freund proposed AP Environmental Science course which could be taken to meet the 3 credit science requirement and also gives those students who are interested in the sciences the opportunity to take more classes in their area of interest.. The science course map was also reviewed and discussed. AP Chemistry will be implemented during the 2009-2010 school year.

Mr. Freund and Mr. Lucke presented the Internet Literacy course proposal and discussion ensued.

Cathy Goodrich introduced the proposed Social Studies classes: AP Comparative Government and The Vietnam War. Discussion ensued. Fred Stanek questioned if the AP Comparative Government course was taken in lieu of the regular civics class that is required. Mrs. Goodrich stated that the AP Comparative Government class could be taken in place of the civics class. Mr. Stanek would like the students to take both classes. This topic will be further discussed at the Board level.

Paul Lucke introduced the Effective Communication course. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Mascolo noted that the Internet Literacy course, AP Comparative Government course as well as the Effective Communication course are all courses that are recommended by the State department of Education for 21<sup>st</sup> century high schools.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Geffert/Mr. Stanek) to present new high school courses to full Board for discussion and possible action.

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

Mrs. Mascolo discussed the elimination of French as a language that is offered at both the Middle School and High school. All French students will be able to complete their program. Ms. Mascolo noted that there are presently only twelve students in French I, seventeen students in French II and eleven students in French III. A two year Spanish program will be offered at the Middle School for the 08-09 school year thus allowing middle school students to begin with Spanish II in their Freshman year as well as giving them the ability to take a total of five years of Spanish (Middle School counting as one year and an additional four years at the High School). The Administration is looking at various ways to offer Chinese and possibly other languages through Virtual High School courses.

Cathy Goodrich presented an honor cord program for students who have achieved academically in a specific area of study.

Bernadette Hamad, MS Principal presented the changes in the Language Arts program and the computer class. Mrs. Hamad also discussed the elimination of the flex period and extended learning time in the academic areas.

Mr. Baker discussed the need to support the arts and asked how we can continue to move our music program forward. Mrs. Syriac discussed that she is bringing in a consultant to assist us in making future decisions on how to expand our program.

Ms. Mascolo reviewed the success of the full day kindergarten program at LoPresti and indicated that she will be proposing to put a Full day program in each of the other elementary schools specifically for at-risk students during this budget. Ms. Mascolo indicated that we need to plan for full day kindergarten for all Seymour students but space is an issue and the Chatfield addition project will determine when we will be able to implement a full day program district wide.

**MOTION:** (Mrs. Geffert/Mr. Stanek) to adjourn the meeting

**SO VOTED**

**AFFIRMATIVE:** Mrs. Geffert, Mr. Stanek, Mrs. Yitts

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m

Submitted by:  
MaryAnne Mascolo