

## MINUTES OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING OF SENECA TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL, DISTRICT 160, SENECA, ILLINOIS

A meeting of the Curriculum Committee was held on March 6, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order with the following members present: Sara Olson, Jason Eltrevoog, Rich Hamilton, and Ron Frye. Also present: Jim Carlson, Marty Voiles, Rachael Babcock, Deb Baker, Shane Trager, and Melissa Klicker.

### A. Title I/Student Academic Supports Plan

Mr. Voiles reviewed the overall philosophy of the START program, which also led to further discussion pertaining to co-teaching plans made for the 2019-2020 school year. Mr. Voiles spoke to the current English III co-teaching class and the progress those teachers and students are making in this setting. Mr. Voiles explained that other content areas that will include co-teaching for the next school year will be in Algebra IA, Integrated Physical Science, English I & II and World Studies

### B. New Courses

Mr. Voiles reviewed two new courses that will be added to the master schedule in the 2019-2020 school year. Those classes are Computer Programming - Python and dual credit Government. The programming course actually replaces the Computer Science Discovery course that was introduced this year and not continued, as the curriculum was not meeting the needs of our students. The dual credit Government course will be a course allowing students the opportunity to earn (3) college credits at JJC upon successfully completion.

Mr. Voiles also discussed that Mrs. Maierhofer's current dual credit College Algebra/Trig courses offered in conjunction with IVCC will be titled differently next year shifting to Accelerated Pre-Calculus/Calculus. This newly titled course will also be offered for credit in conjunction with JJC. The impetus for this change was financial in nature as students can earn math credit in a similar course at a considerable cost savings.

### C. Parent/Teacher Conference Procedures

Mr. Voiles introduced the new multiple phases program that will be introduced next school year. He discussed that feedback from parents indicated they like the new format implemented in the 2018-2019 school year, but would also like an option similar to years past allowing parents to visit with each of their child's teachers.

The new schedule introduced will be:

Phase One will occur on Aug. 22, 2019, and consist of an Open House type format

Phase Two will be scheduled for Oct.9, 2019, and include a face-to-face visit scheduled in the gymnasium as it was conducted in previous school years

Phase Three is scheduled for Feb. 20, 2020, which will include a student success plan approach covering plans for each student during their time at SHS and for plans after graduation

### D. Teacher Interviews

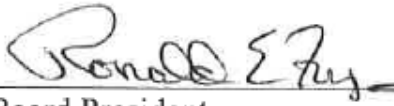
Mr. Voiles discussed the various interviews staff at SHS are conducting this spring due to teacher retirements and the addition of one special education teacher. The additional special education teacher position is a result of the school's future IEP numbers increasing, therefore an additional teacher needed

to be added in an attempt to meet the various needs of all IEP students. Other content areas that will house new staff next year will be in Social Studies, Math and the Guidance department.

E. PSAT8 Data

Mr. Voiles reviewed two-year data results regarding PSAT 8 results. The discussion centered on content areas of Math and English. Mr. Voiles explained that the results of this data would be shared down to feeder schools at the next SAAG meeting.

F. Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

  
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