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**Salem Public Schools  
Salem School Committee  
CURRICULUM SUBCOMMITTEE  
Meeting Minutes  
January 7, 2021**

On January 7, 2021 the Curriculum Subcommittee held its regular meeting using the Zoom on-line meeting platform.

**In Attendance:** Ms. Amanda Campbell and Dr. Kristin Pangallo

**Members Absent:** Mr. James Fleming

**Others in Attendance:** Assistant Superintendent Kate Carbone, Dr. Samantha Meier, Dr. Emily Flores and Mr. Andrew Benetiz

## **Call of Meeting to Order**

Dr. Pangallo called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm

## **Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve the December 22, 2020 Subcommittee Minutes. Dr. Pangallo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was made.

Ms. Campbell                      Yes

Dr. Pangallo                      Yes

Motion carries 2-0

## **High School Program of Studies**

Dr. Pangallo introduced Dr. Emily Flores and Dr. Samantha Meier who will present the High School Program of Studies. Dr. Meier began by explaining they will be clarifying questions around Project Lead the Way and Web Design programs and also answer some Pathways questions from the last meeting. Dr. Flores began by announcing that they were able to confirm expansion of the early college program to the 10th grade with a Communication for Civic Engagement & Social Justice course. This course will be taught virtually for now with Northshore Community College and a SHS teacher. In addition, they are exploring possible options for Computer Science Essentials and this will be determined by whether or not it is a Chapter 74 course. If it is a Chapter 74, then it can't be an innovative pathway and it will need to be decided on what is best for our students. Ms. Campbell asked a question regarding the difference between Chapter 74 and the innovation pathway and Dr. Flores responded that they are still in the exploratory phase in deciding what will work best for the students. Assistant Superintendent Carbone asked if there was a timeline for making that decision and Dr. Flores responded that they are planning on having it made by April. Dr. Flores also outlines the courses that are shifting to standard based grading for next year. She added that teachers will be involved in teaching at least 1 standard based course. Dr. Flores also explained that these courses need to align with the redesign and established criteria.

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Dr. Pangallo asked if they are seeing new things in the department and if there is a change in how people are assessing the Program of Studies. Dr. Flores explained that the focus on the team is the redesign. They are offering classes that are more relevant and the big shift is in the mindset of leadership. Students can pick courses that relate to one another.

Assistant Superintendent Carbone explained that the Program of Studies will be presented at the next School Committee meeting.

Ms. Campbell made a motion to approve this year's recommended High School Program of Studies and refer for approval to the full School Committee. Dr. Pangallo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Campbell	Yes
Dr. Pangallo	Yes

Motion carries 2-0

Ms. Campbell made a motion to adjourn at 5:26 pm. Dr. Pangallo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

Ms. Campbell	Yes
Dr. Pangallo	Yes

Motion carries 2-0

Respectfully submitted by,

*Nancy A. Weiss*

Executive Assistant to the School Committee

**Approved March 25, 2021**