

Curriculum Committee Agenda

November 3, 2022

8:00-9:00

Members Present:

Amy Larsen
Carla Anderson-Diekmann
Darren Sonenstahl
Suzy Bordeau
Bonnie Jude
Brenda Ritter
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Carla Ahrenstroff
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BlueSky Charter School Vision:

BlueSky is defining education for the 21st century by creating an individualized, dynamic education for all students. We are committed to empowering our community by facilitating relevant learning, skills, hopes and relationships.

BlueSky Charter School Mission:

Bringing quality online education and diverse learners together.

Curriculum Committee Primary Objective: The primary objective of the Curriculum Development Committee is to review and recommend to the BlueSky Charter School Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the content of the academic program, course materials, and method of delivery. This includes, but is not limited to, the review and selection of curriculum and educational materials, review of all class syllabi, common course outlines and learning objectives for use in the program.

Curriculum Vision:

Through high quality curriculum and instructional practices BlueSky will do the following:

- 1. implement standards-based and data-driven practices*
- 2. embed RTI over the next three to five years*
- 3. foster academic and testing skills among students*
- 4. provide College and Career Readiness resources to support student success and learning to ensure opportunities post high school*
- 5. empower teachers to tailor instruction that meets the needs of individual students*
- 6. develop consistent course design and format that ensures content accessibility for all students; and*
- 7. establish a schedule that offers both flexible and structured options for students*

FY23 Annual Focus Areas:

1. Establish a best practice expectation for the number of learning experiences a course should have along with a suggested length range for each learning experience to provide a consistent and uniform delivery of curriculum.
2. Provide training and support for implementing new instructional strategies to improve student engagement and academic outcomes for asynchronous learning experiences.
3. Establish and implement a common end of course student survey that is purposeful and used to improve student outcomes.
4. Review and update the Curriculum Committee vision to incorporate accessibility, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

STANDING BUSINESS:

1. [Course revision proposals \(request form\)](#)
 - a. FY24 - World Religions 9-12
 - i. Could use Edynamic or update our very old World Religions course
 - b. FY24 - Reading Fiction or Drama MS
 - c. Also discussed adding ASL at the middle school level or ASL 3; we previously had offered a full year and semester middle school Spanish course but it was challenging to get enough enrollments when students wanted to also take other electives; depending on enrollment projections we may want to consider adding ASL 3
 - d. Committee decided to wait until all proposals are in next month before making final approvals/recommendations

NEW BUSINESS:

2. Curriculum Committee Vision Update
 - a. **Curriculum Committee Primary Objective:** The primary objective of the Curriculum Development Committee is to review and recommend to the BlueSky Charter School Board of Directors on matters pertaining to the content of the academic program, course materials, and method of delivery. This includes, but is not limited to, the review and selection of curriculum and educational materials, review of all class syllabi, common course outlines and learning objectives for use in the program.
 - b. Current Vision - see above
 - c. *Revision draft that will be proposed: Through high quality curriculum and instructional practices BlueSky will do the following:*
 - ii. Continue to implement and maintain standards-based and data-driven practices*
 - iii. Ensure MTSS resources are available to all staff and students*
 - iv. Foster academic and social emotional skills among students*
 - v. Provide college and career readiness resources to support student learning and prepare students for post-high school opportunities*
 - vi. Empower teachers to tailor instruction that equitably meets the needs of a diverse student population that is inclusive of all students*
 - vii. Develop consistent course design and format that ensures content accessibility for all students; and*
 - viii. Offer both flexible and structured curricular options for students*
3. Career Academy Updates

- a. Replace Career Prep Math with Math for the Trades
 - i. Should we keep Career Prep Math on the list for historical purposes? Yes, keep for 2 years

OLD BUSINESS:

- 3. Special Education Update
 - a. Leadership has had some preliminary discussions about how we provide our Essentials course and discussed other ways to provide those services so it's not extra for students while also giving students opportunities to take electives; there will likely be more information shared at upcoming meetings
 - b. WBL courses are in progress; still need to submit to MDE for on the job training (OJT) approval; students are working in the course now but no OJT yet
- 4. Compassionate School Update
 - a. Rubrics for social awareness and relationship skills are almost finalized; the standards have been added to Moodle
- 5. Budget Review
 - a. Currently we are on track with the budget
 - b. Some project funds were reallocated so we can get as much done in preparation for potential development of 5th grade curriculum next year
 - c. General curriculum funds are still available for individual teachers to request; in the past this has been used for a specific one time course purchase of supplemental materials, guest speakers, and field trips
- 6. Review of Annual Focus Areas
 - a. Completed draft for annual focus area number 4