



Portland Public Schools

BOE Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting

February 19, 2025 at 6:30pm

Virtual Meeting Link: meet.google.com/mue-zuao-iqb

I. Call to order at 6:37pm

Present: Kim Nagy-Maruschock, Angela Hammond, Laurel Steinhauser, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Charles Britton

II. New Course Proposal - HS Introduction to Data Science

A. HS Introduction to Data Science

Full year real world based advanced mathematics course taught by Don Brechlin and Krista Larson. Will require the Introduction to Data Science curriculum which is a \$20,000 commitment (\$15,600 curriculum training over the course of several years, and the remainder in materials) which would be a Gildersleeve Grant request. There would be a recurring cost of about \$2500 annually for resources and support. If this course gains traction it may replace Trigonometry and create a new pathway for math at PHS. The committee recommends that this move to the full board for consideration.

B. HS. Advanced Fitness

With Cindy Laverty position increased to full time, PHS has the ability to offer this elective which will take advantage of the new fitness room. There are no budgetary implications, aside from some curriculum writing hours over the summer for Cindy. Kim requested that the course description that goes in the course catalogue be tailored to draw in students who may not already be engaged in team sports. The committee recommends that this move to the full board for consideration.

C. HS AP 2-D Art and Design

Full year AP course that will support kids in developing a portfolio of work to submit for AP college credit. The committee recommends that this move to the full board for consideration.

III. 2025 Curriculum Meeting Dates

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 23rd at 6:30pm. The committee will plan to invite Ryan and Tracy for a conversation about computer/screen use and play based learning in the early elementary grades.

IV. Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurel Steinhauser