



Curriculum Advisory Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 2024 | 3:15pm | ZOOM

Meeting called by: Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent

Present: Jill Bickelhaupt, Kristen Coke-Sutton, Cameron Grow, Jennifer Hamilton, Roberta Kramer, Allison, Munch-Rotollo, Kelcie Peterson, Juston Pollestad, Garren Shannon, Amanda Tanner

Absent: Jim Bruce, Luke Conley, Grace Grow, Kykal McDirmid-Walters, Heather Strader

Roberta Kramer calls meeting to order 3:15

Minutes

This Curriculum Advisory Council meeting was called to be an informational meeting about the Construction II course to be implemented for the 2024-25 school year. This course is a continuation of the transition from Woods to Core Plus Construction that started in the 2023-24 school year. The Core Plus Construction course adoption was approved by the school board March 22, 2023.

Presenter: Jill Bickelhaupt, Pullman High School CTE Director

- Core Plus Construction is an official Washington State program that allows students to explore careers in the construction industry and can help set up connections and build skills for students to be hired in the industry after graduation from high school.
- The CTE director shared a 10-year projection for the construction industry with regards to projected growth and annual job openings. The construction industry is anticipated to experience growth both nationally and within Washington state in several occupational categories.
- The course provides an opportunity for students to pursue a CTE sequence graduation pathway, provides a sequence for students to earn a Core Plus Construction certificate, and provides equivalencies with core academic classes such as math and English language arts.
- Additional benefits of this course are options for student post-graduation opening direct job opportunities in construction or continuing to a college education. She communicated to the council that they would like to continue to expand articulation with post-secondary schools.
- The CTE Director said the cost of this course looks good and into the projected future. The budget for the Woods course transfers to Core Plus Construction for each year of the transition. This transition began in the 2023-24 school year with Construction I, then, replacing Woods I and this transition will continue through 2025-26. There are material startup costs associated with the instruction of each sequence and is \$4000 per year for three years. Additionally, the program has received a \$25,000 Core Plus grant from OSPI. They will continue to pursue grant opportunities with getting OSHA 10 certificate training as a possibly addition.

Questions from the Council

- A question was asked by the council if space is a problem and can the high school facilities accommodate projects such as shed building and larger framing projects. In response, the CTE Director did acknowledge space is a restriction and that this program will not look the same as at

dedicated skill centers found at other schools. Projects do need to account for the allowable space and safety is emphasized in all aspects of the course.

- A council member asked for clarification on the sequence and how Core Plus Construction differs from the more artistic aspects offered by the Woods courses. The CTE Director reviewed that over the course of three years a Woods course in the sequence would be replaced by a like sequence Core Plus Construction course. This transition began this school year with Woods I replaced by Introduction to Construction as a course offering. She also agrees there is a shift away from home skills, but this shift from home to industry is seen at both the state and national level where students are being prepared for jobs following graduation.
- The CTE Director was asked if the course would expand to include the metals program. She said more will be known if this is a possibility as they are looking for opportunities with College in the High School and dual credit options.

The Curriculum Advisory Council agreed unanimously to move this information to the Pullman School Board.

Meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM