

The meeting was called to order at 2:50 PM. In attendance were Brandicourt (parent), Brokamp, Chambers, Chiappone, DeMoss, Ficklin, George, Lazar, Lynn, Murphy (parent), Nashid, Robinson (student), Savage-Gentry, Scudder, Thurman, Wolfe.

Old Business:

AP Capstone approval – Dr. Savage-Gentry and Mr. Scudder reported on their visit to Indian Hill H.S. to see how they have implemented their AP Seminar course. This is the first year for their class and they have chosen to offer it as a 10th grade English course with a non-fiction focus. Indian Hill students felt the class was an opportunity to perfect their research, debate, and oral discourse skills.

Mr. Scudder is interested in teaching the AP Seminar class next year and will be taking the coursework necessary for AP accreditation. The AP Seminar class centers on debate. Students will be divided into teams and are able to choose the topics their team will work on for each project – multiple topics per year and multiple teams per class.

The AP Seminar class at WHHS will be open to any interested 10th – 12th grader. It would not replace any required courses, but would be offered as an elective. While it was felt that there was more flexibility in the 11th – 12th graders' schedules, the class would complement the upcoming PARCC tests for 10th graders. While there are no grade or course pre-requisites, it was felt that interested students would be interviewed before being admitted to the class. Several other teachers are interested in teaching this class. If a large number of students option for the class, multiple sections may be offered.

A motion was made and passed (10-0-2) to add AP Seminar and AP Research (which will be offered the second year) to the Course Guide for 2015-2016.

The Music Department asked to add a one-semester introductory Music Theory class for next year. This course would be for those students who either do not wish to take the AP Music Theory class or would like to take it prior to taking AP Music Theory. Because ILT needed more information, a motion was made and passed (11-0-1) to table it until the January meeting. This would still allow for inclusion at optioning time.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Chiappone