

RIDGE PAC Meeting - 12/16/15

Present: Linda Ingling, Jane Kolarik, Amy Jones, Jen Mueller, Wendy Boudreau, Alyson McCauley, Kristina Folkart, Gayle Shimoun, Karen Wexler, Betsy Aigner, Nancy Policastro, Irene McDonnell, Chris Corrigan, Dorit Kransdorf,

**Dr. Heineman, STEAM Presentation (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)**

***Please see the attached link for the full, updated presentation:***

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- The 9th grade will have an academy. Students must be selected for this academy but applying for the academy and then interviewed. When students apply, they need to decide which academy they want to pursue. The application is not all based on grades.
- Academy students will be put in to their own groups, Seniors, Juniors, Sophomores, Freshmen.
- The STEAM program is a four year, cohort based, Academy model.
- Cohort models are always largest in the beginning. If students drop, they will not be adding students to the group.
- There are four potential courses: Computer Science, Engineering, Sustainability and Biomedical Science.
- The aim is to take 60 students.
- Some of the new STEAM courses will be available to other Ridge students.
- There are requirements: 2 day summer orientation and speaker workshops.
- The elective course will have an honors weight.
- The academy will create less opportunity for the students to have electives such as orchestra, chorus, etc.
- Courses added for 2016-17: Computer Science & Software Engineering, Design & Creation, Introduction to Engineering Design, Design & Creation
- Once a curriculum is chosen, it is very difficult to switch to another one.
- There will be a notation on the transcripts that the student is in the STEAM program.
- It is part of the College Board.
- The students need to fit in the state required electives in to the program.

Update:

Option II Athletics: The BTEA had a grievance with how the option II program was being implemented . The credits will be given per marking period.

Juniors and Seniors Volleyball Game: Applications needed to be in by a certain date. They can only have 10 teams. It was set up as a first come first served basis. It created issues with students coming to the high school very early. Some teams did not get into the tournament.

