



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office
July 15, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Update on Seventh Grade Math Tutorial for Honors

Twenty-six students at GMS and thirteen students at CMS participated in the tutorial sessions and took the test for honors placement. Three students from GMS and one student from CMS qualified for honors. The curricula differences between the 7th grade regular and honors are being looked at to develop stronger alignment between these 2 courses.

II. (●) Collaborative Planning with Student Teachers Research Project

The researcher proposes to study ways in which teacher collaborative lesson planning shapes how pre-service teachers think about science education.
The Curriculum Committee supports the proposed research study.

III. (*) Pilot Course for 5th Grade Social Studies and Pilot Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the 5th grade Social Studies pilot course *Living in a Global Community: National Geographic Global Issues Series 12* book sets @7.50 per book. Cost per student = \$90.00 x 200 students = \$18,000 for the pilot program books, plus shipping for a total of \$19,800.
The Curriculum Committee supports the adoption of the textbook.

IV. (*) Grants

- To recommend approval of the fourth year and fifth year mentor agreements and grant extensions from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014 for the “Personalized Student Learning Plan (PSLP) Pilot Program” from the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amounts of \$7,500 for year four and \$6,000 for year five.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the mentor agreements and grant extensions.

- To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from April 17, 2013, to February 28, 2014 [funded by the StarTalk grant]:
 - Roseanne Zeppieri – Lead Instructor
 - Fizzah Sohail – Junior Assistant

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the consultants.

V. (*) Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips:

- High School South Red Cross Club to Okemo, Vermont, from December 13, 2013, to December 15, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$325 per student.

- High School South Orchestra to the Gettysburg Address 150th Anniversary Event in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, from November 14, 2013, to November 16, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$320 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trips.

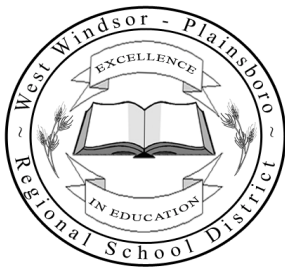
Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 2, 2012 11:00am

Future Topics

Professional Development

Field Trip Approvals

Special Services Program Review Update



SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
 Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
 Dana Krug
 Michele Kaish

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
 David Aderhold
 Gerard Dalton

Guests:

Deborah Batchelor

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Special Services Program Review Update

Deb Batchelor provided an update on the work done during the 2012-13 school year on the recommendations from the Special Services Program Review. One focus of this year included implementing IEP Direct as a system to bring consistency to procedures and access to the IEP process. A behavioral disabilities class was implemented this year at CMS. A Board certified teacher resource specialist was hired to work as a Board Certified Behavioral Analyst. Special Services focused on transitions within the program and articulation from one level to the next. SEPTSA meetings were held monthly to work with parent and community concerns. The plan is to hold these bi-monthly next school year. Lee McDonald held many meetings at each level within the district to begin to build a consistent and coherent I&RS process. The Special services will hold a public presentation at the October Board meeting to provide the community with this update.

II. (●) District Professional Development

- Administrative Retreat – August 13, 14, 15, 16, 2013
- New Teacher Orientation – August 27, 28, 29, 2013
- Convocation - September 3, 2013

The Administrative Retreat will focus on team building and the new evaluation procedures for administrators and teachers. New Teacher Orientation will also focus on the new evaluation system. Opening Convocation will be a videotaped message delivered on DVD at each building.

III. (●) AP Results Review

This year 2072 AP exams were taken by students and 92.8 of students scored a 3, 4, or 5 on these exams. The Committee discussed the exams that students are taking in which we don't offer an AP course. We will continue to investigate possible programmatic changes in course offerings.

IV. (*) Donations

- To accept a monetary donation from the Town Center Elementary School PTA, Inc. in the amount of \$6,750 to purchase document cameras for each classroom.
- To accept a monetary donation from the Dutch Neck School PTA in the amount of \$11,664 for the purchase of SmartBoards, and iPads for classrooms.
- To accept a donation from the Dutch Neck School PTA of technology items for the classroom with a value of approximately \$3,451.27 as follows:

Quantity	Item Name	Approximate Total Cost
3	iPad2 + Apple Care	\$1,494.00
21	IPEVO Document Cameras	\$1,604.88
1	iPod	\$ 294.04
4	iPad Covers	\$ 103.35

The Curriculum Committee supports accepting these donations

V. (*) Professional Development

- To recommend approval for the Foundation for Educational Administration (FEA) to provide mentoring management services for new administrators in the district at a cost of \$800 each. The district also agrees to reimburse new administrators for the cost of their mentor at \$1,500 for the first year and \$1,000 for the second year.
- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network training through Columbia University at a cost of approximately \$79,500. [The 2013-2014 contract covers consultant days and travel expenses, which will be paid through 2014 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network to provide 2013-2014 professional development services for administrators, according to state-mandated professional growth plans, at a cost not to exceed \$8,475. [Paid through 2014 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend approval for the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to supply 100 tickets for the attendance by teachers and administrators to professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2013-2014 school year, at a cost of \$5,000. Workshops will be charged as per contract less the cost of the prepaid ticket. [Paid through 2014 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to provide professional development and technical support for 6 lead teachers during the 2013-2014 school year, at a cost of \$750 per teacher and \$4,500 total. [Paid through 2014 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend entering into a contract with New York University Reading Recovery to provide 2013-2014 Reading Recovery professional development and technical support for eight (8) reading recovery teachers at a cost of \$7,200.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

VI. (*) Grants

To recommend submission of the entitlement grant of \$519,172 for the “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), for the Fiscal Year 2014.

Title I Part A	\$248,453
Title II Part A	\$107,098
Title III	\$ 53,811
Title III Immigrant	\$109,810

The Curriculum Committee recommends submission of the grant.

VII. (*) Nonpublic Technology Aid

To accept Nonpublic Technology Aid from the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Division of Finance, for use in compliance with the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program, as follows:

American Boychoir School, The	\$ 520.00
Childrens House of the Windsors	\$ 820.00
French American School of Princeton	\$1,860.00
Montessori Corner at Princeton Meadows	\$ 620.00
Montessori Country Day	\$ 580.00
The Wilberforce School	\$2,100.00

To approve the second year of a three-year agreement between Middlesex County Regional Education Service Commission (MCRESC) and West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for the period August 21, 2012, through June 30, 2015, to administer the Non-Public School Technology Aid in accordance with guidelines established by the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program.

The Curriculum Committee recommends accepting the aid and approving the agreement.

VIII. (*) Travel

To recommend authorization for the two program directors for the STARTALK Hindi/Urdu Immersion Camp to attend the 2012 Post-Program Network for Program Excellence meeting in October 2013 (actual date and location to be determined) at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 per person [paid through the STARTALK Hindi/Urdu Grant]. This is the wrap-up and debrief meeting for project directors and faculty from STARTALK 2013 programs. This item will appear on the board agenda once the dates and location are announced.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the travel.

IX. (*) Community Education Programs

To recommend approval of the listing of Community Education Fall 2013 Afterschool Enrichment Courses Offerings.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the programs.

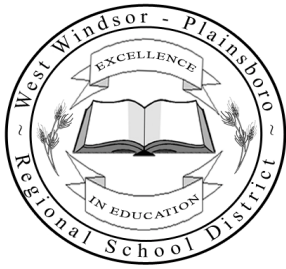
Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 9, 2013 11:00am

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Program Review Updates

Program of Studies (October)



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office
September 9, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish - Guest

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Catherine Foley

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) ERB

The district has decided not to administer the ERB this school year. The district will focus its assessment efforts on the development of Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) that are now required as part of the new teacher and administrator evaluation systems. Since the PSATs will be administered to all 10th & 11th graders in the district, we will administer and score an district-developed writing prompt for all 9th graders.

II. (●) AchieveNJ Update

The administrative retreat and the opening professional development day focused on the new teacher and administrator evaluation systems. All teachers will be observed 3 times this school year with both announced and unannounced observations. In addition, all teachers are developing Student Growth Objectives (SGOs) in collaboration with their departmental supervisors. All ELA and Math teachers will also receive Student Growth Percentile scores based off of their students' scores on the NJASK assessments. The state will not provide these scores until January of the following school year so we will not be able to complete these teachers final summative ratings until that time.

III. (*) Renzulli Learning System

To recommend approval of a one-year site-license, from November 1, 2013 through October 31, 2014, with the Compass Learning Group to provide web-based differentiated instruction through the Renzulli Learning System for all K-3 buildings at a cost of \$18,000.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the site-license.

IV. (*) Professional Development

To recommend purchasing 5 additional licenses with Teachscape to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for a total cost of \$1,245.

The Curriculum Committee recommends purchasing the additional licenses.

V. (*) Grade 4 Computer Curriculum

To recommend approval of the Grade 4 Computer curriculum that has been developed to align with the New Jersey Core Content Standards for Technology and Career Education.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curriculum.

VI. (*) Infinite Campus

To recommend approval of the following services from Infinite Campus, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Student Information System:

- To provide an initial one-year subscription for on-line student registration through August 31, 2014, for the following costs: \$15,000 for the initial one-year subscription; \$7,500 for each subsequent year(s); and \$3,900 for WW-P customizations; these costs do not include implementation services.
- To provide a one-year subscription for on-line teacher and staff evaluations for a one-time fee of \$7,500; this cost does not include implementation services.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the services.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 7, 2013 11:00am

Future Topics

Program of Studies

Professional Development

Field Trip Approvals

Program Review Updates



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
October 7, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish -Guest

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Lee McDonald

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) I&RS/504 Update

I&RS:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1eLDwQ78iCVvpuL2PzC_7bu63iK0Ti28RjxFoQiA1mfQ/edit?usp=sharing

504:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1N8ZW1dcpS5OelZOUVnDhYDrVrhtId5pbRL9xqgxwj44/edit?usp=sharing>

I&RS/504 – During the 2011-12 school year Mr. McDonald began to review the processes within the district regarding I&RS and 504 plans. His review determined that there were a great deal of inconsistencies across the different buildings. This was also confirmed by Dr. Kamens and what she was seeing while conducting the external review of the Special Education Program. Mr. McDonald developed a three year action plan with the goal of developing a district mission and a consistent set of processes to guide I&RS/504 plans. During the last school year (2012-13), Mr. McDonald met 4 times with the teams to review procedures and processes. The teams collected data about who were the students who were coming through the process and the results of their experiences. It was determined that there was great individuality in the makeup of who was on the teams and the processes they were following to evaluate and make recommendations for courses of action. Out of last year's work, teams of counselors and teachers met this past summer to develop curricula for I&RS and 504s. The curricula establish consistent data collection procedures and processes for each building team. In the district, about 60% of students who went through the I&RS process who were recommended for Special Ed evaluation were then classified according to data collected during the 2011-2012 school year. 2012-2013 is still being calculated. If the I&RS process is working well, it is recommended to expect about an 80% or more rate of classification.

At last year's February In-Service, the district offered a well-attended session on collecting data for identifying students. This session will be offered again at this year's January In-Service day. The district needs to continue to identify and offer professional development opportunities for staff (both internal and external) related to assessing students' learning needs and working with diverse learners. A web presence for I&RS/504 has been developed and a brochure is now posted on the district website. Next steps are to identify what supports are available to help teachers work with struggling learners. A review of 504 forms showed the need to develop consistency so that all of these forms have been changed to ensure compliance with 504 requirements.

Mr. McDonald continues to work on developing consistent criteria for assessing students. There is a flag in Infinite Campus that lets teachers know that a student went through the I&RS process in a previous school year. A yellow folder is created that holds all of the hard copies and this is passed on from coordinator to coordinator as children move from one building to the next. The district is looking at the Response to Intervention as a model for working with struggling learners. This is a research-based three tiered model for determining what types of interventions are needed. The district will continue to review and refine processes related to I&RS and 504s to ensure best-practice.

II. (*) Community Education

To recommend approval of the Fall 2013 Community Education Adult and Youth Courses. The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Fall 2013 Community Education Adult and Youth Courses.

III. (*) State of New Jersey Department of Education Model Foreign Language Program

To recommend the execution of an agreement to accept five (5) digital cameras from the State of New Jersey, Department of Education in connection with the district's involvement with the grant program: New Jersey's Model for High School Reform in World Languages: Building a Linguistically and Culturally Competent Workforce. The cameras should be used for the purpose of sharing exemplars of curricular, instructional, and assessment practices that have been implemented successfully in the world languages program in the district. The district agrees to submit at least three exemplars to the Foreign Language Educators of New Jersey All-Stars by October 31, 2013, after which the cameras become the property of the Board of Education.

The Curriculum Committee recommends execution of the agreement.

IV. (*) Professional Development

- To recommend approval for IDE to provide non-tenured teacher training at various dates throughout the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of \$10,038. [Paid through NCLB Title II funds.]
- To recommend approval for four administrators to attend the Princeton University Teachers as Scholars Program for the 2013-2014 school year at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.
- To recommend approval for three Reading Recovery teachers to attend the Literacy for All Conference in Providence, Rhode Island November 3, 2013 through November 5, 2013, at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 total per teacher. [Training required by and reimbursed through the Reading Recovery i3 grant].

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the three PD opportunities.

V. (*) Donations

- To accept a monetary donation from the Maurice Hawk School PTA in the amount of \$14,142.94 to be used for the purchase of technology and literacy items as follows:

Quantity	Item Name	Approximate Total Cost
15	iPad2's	\$5,985.00
25	IPEVO Document Cameras	\$2,500.00
1	iPad Literacy and Math centers	\$1,697.94
1	Designing Bridges to e---Literacy	\$849.00
1	Spanish Resources	\$425.00
1	Replace VHS with DVD (media center)	\$1,186.00
1	Voices from the Land Poetry Project	\$1,500.00

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the technology purchase.

VI. (*) STARTALK Grant Application

To recommend approval to submit the 2014 STARTALK grant application for Hindi/Urdu Summer Immersion Camp in the amount of approximately \$99,500 [West Windsor-Plainsboro will serve as lead agency].

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval to submit the grant.

VII. (*) Non-public Technology

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2014 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

The Wilberforce School \$1,050.76

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the expenditures.

VIII. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

High School North

- a. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 16, 2013, to November 17, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$120 per student.
- b. Model Congress to Washington, D.C., from November 21, 2013, to November 24, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$450 per student.
- c. Model Congress to Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from December 5, 2013, to December 8, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- d. Model United Nations to Rutgers University, Highland Park, New Jersey, from December 5, 2013, to December 8, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$295 per student.
- e. Model United Nations to Harvard University, Boston, Massachusetts, from January 30, 2014, to February 2, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$360 per student.
- f. Model United Nations to Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., from February 13, 2014, to February 16, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- g. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 21, 2014, to February 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- h. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 6, 2014, to March 10, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,250 per student.
- i. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 18, 2014, to March 22, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- j. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 20, 2014, to March 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

- k. Model Congress to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from March 27, 2014, to March 30, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- l. Special Olympics to the NJ Special Olympics Spring Sport Festival in Wildwood, New Jersey, from March 29, 2014, to March 30, 2014. There is no cost for this trip.
- m. Model Congress to Rutgers University, Highland Park, New Jersey, from April 3, 2014, to April 6, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$350 per student.
- n. Junior Statesmen of America to the Spring State Conference, Parsippany, New Jersey, from April 12, 2014, to April 13, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$120 per student.

High School South

- o. Model United Nations to William and Mary High School MUN Conference, Williamsburg, Virginia, from November 22, 2013, to November 24, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- p. Model United Nations to Princeton University MUN Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 5, 2013, to December 8, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$340 per student.
- q. Model United Nations to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 30, 2014, to February 2, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- r. Model United Nations to Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., from February 13, 2014, to February 16, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- s. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 11, 2014, to March 15, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- t. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 13, 2014, to March 17, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,250 per student.
- u. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 20, 2014, to March 23, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- v. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 10, 2014, to April 13, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

Middle Schools

- w. Grover Middle School and Community Middle School German Students to Washington, D.C. from April 25, 2014, to April 26, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.

- x. Grover Middle School Grade 6 Outdoor Education to Timber Tops Camp, Greeley, PA, from June 2, 2014, to June 6, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
 - y. Community Middle School Grade 6 Outdoor Education to Camp Canadensis, Canadensis, PA, from June 4, 2014, to June 8, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
 - z. Grover Middle School Choir to Philadelphia, PA and Williamsburg, VA, from May 2, 2014, to May 4, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trips with the exception of W.

IX. (●) January Curriculum Committee Date

The January Curriculum Committee meeting will be held prior to the Reorganization meeting, so the current committee may decide on the date and time. Proposed date/time is Monday, January 13 at 11:00am.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, November 4, 2013 11:00am

Future Topics

Program of Studies

Program Review Updates

Summer Reading



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office
November 4, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Rick Cave

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Technology update

The 1:1 Pilot is proceeding well. The teachers and students are overwhelmingly excited about working with the Chromebooks and are using them to support student learning. We have been working through issues as they arise. These include the parental purchase of insurance and monitoring tools such as Google Vault and Hapara. There have been a couple of parents who do not want their child to have an email account or to use computers in the home. We continue to provide training for the community about a 21st century learning environment and the use of technology to support learning.

II. (●) Program of Studies

The Curriculum Committee reviewed updates to the 2014-15 Program of Studies. These include:

- Clarification to the Option ii procedures to indicate what types of courses will be approved.
- The addition of World History Honors
- The switch from semester courses to Language Arts III (Honors and College Prep) for 2014-15 & then for LA IV in the 2015-16 school year.
- Updating the course descriptions for several Life Skills courses.
- Deleting Latin I & II as course offerings and changing Latin III & IV to on-line courses.
- Looking into renaming the Senior Option program.
- Environmental Science is now open to 9th through 12 graders.

The Curriculum Committee will continue to review the Program of Studies in December.

III. (*) NJ QSAC

District Performance Review & Statement of Assurances

Approval to submit District Performance Review and Statement of Assurances, New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJ QSAC), resolution:

Whereas, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education in the County of Mercer is undergoing evaluation under NJ QSAC for the 2013-2014 school year; and

Whereas, *N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2(f)* requires participating school districts to hold a public meeting to approve the submission of the district's DPR responses and the Statement of Assurance with respect to this process; and

Whereas, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education in the County of Mercer has reviewed the district's DPR responses and Statement of Assurance and hereby approves these documents; now, therefore be it.

Resolved, that the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education does hereby authorize the Superintendent of Schools to submit the attached DPR and SOA to the Commissioner of Education in compliance with the provisions of *N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2(f)*. The Curriculum Committee reviewed the Instruction and Program sections of the DPRs & SOAs and approves the submission of QSAC.

IV. (*) Technology

Student Information System

To recommend renewal of the annual subscription with Custom Computer Specialists, Inc., for the Infinite Campus District Edition student information data system software license and support from December 1, 2013, to November 30, 2014, in the amount of \$125,351.75, based upon enrollment. [There is no change in the per-student subscription cost.]

Online Registration System

To approve Custom Computer Specialists, Inc. to provide implementation services support and training for the Infinite Campus online registration system, at a cost of \$3,900.

The Curriculum Committee approves these purchases.

V. (*) Investing in Innovation (i3) Grant Acceptance

To recommend acceptance of Investing in Innovation (i3) grant funds of \$4,500 from Flemington-Raritan School District to be used for expenses related to new Reading Recovery teachers attending reading recovery training for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of these funds.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, December 2, 2013 11:00am

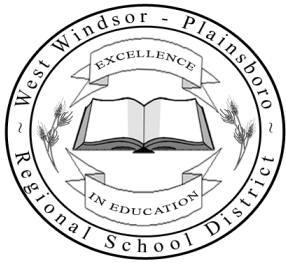
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SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz –
absent
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish – guest

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Donna Gibbs-Nini
Melissa Levine

Sherry Sizemore

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Field Trip forms updates

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the work of the two high schools to develop common procedures and forms for field trips. The Committee discussed issues related to parental chaperones and the district's insurance liability. The two high schools will continue to work to develop consistent procedures guiding field trips.

II. (●) World Languages offerings

The Curriculum Committee continued the discussion of what languages the district offers and at what grade level these start. As a follow-up to the Curriculum Committee meeting on this topic held in April, the district will allow 5th grade students to indicate their top three choices for what language they would like to study in middle school. The language choices will be Chinese, French, German, Hindi, and Spanish. Following district policy for all middle school study, students who are native speakers of the language will not be allowed to study the language in middle school. Any language that is offered in the middle school will need to have sufficient enrollment to sustain the program. There will be a meeting held in January for rising 6th grade parents to inform them of the choices. During this meeting, parents will be informed of the sequences of languages and how these articulate into the high school program. The start of the study of Chinese will be moved to the 6th grade so that all language choice starts in 6th grade.

III. (●) State Testing Report

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the results of the Annual Progress Targets reports recently released by the NJDOE. A formal presentation of these results will be presented at the December 17, 2013 Board meeting.

IV. (*) Curriculum Updates

To recommend approval of the following curricula that have been developed to align with the New Jersey Core Content Standards and Common Core Standards.

- **TV Production (Grades 9-12)**
- **General and Vocal Music (Grades K-12)**
- **Orchestra (Grades K-12)**
- **Band (Grades K-12)**
- **AP Spanish Language and Culture (Grades 9-12)**
- **Chinese 4 Honors and 5 Honors; Curriculum A (Grades 9-12)**

- **French 1 (Grades 9-12)**
- **French 3 (Grades 9-12)**
- **Introduction to Spanish Communication and Culture**
- **Spanish Language and Cultural Study (Grades 9-12)**
- **Social Studies (Grades 2 & 3)**
- **Biology Honors (Grades 9-12)**
- **Math (Grades K-7)**

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curricula.

V. (*) HS Program of Studies

To recommend approval of the 2013-2014 High School Program of Studies. [Copies will be available on the district web site.]

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the High School Program of Study.

VI. (*) Overnight Field Trips

- To recommend approval for High School South Peer Leaders to Pine Tree Environmental Camp in Burlington, New Jersey from February 24, 2014, to February 25, 2014 at a cost of approximately \$30 per student.
- To recommend approval for High School North Softball Team to Cherry Hill, New Jersey from March 28, 2014, to March 30, 2014 at a cost of approximately \$400 per student.
- To recommend approval for High School South Concert Choirs to Latvia, Estonia, and Finland from April 6, 2015, to April 14, 2015 at a cost of approximately \$2,425 per student.
- To recommend approval for Grover Middle School and Community Middle School German Students to Washington, D.C. from April 25, 2014, to April 26, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the proposed field trips.

VII. (*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2014 Classes and Trips

To recommend approval of the Community Education Winter/Spring 2014 Adult & Youth programs, Winter/Spring 2014 Afterschool Enrichment programs, and the 2014 Summer programs (attached).

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Community Education proposed programs.

VIII. (*) Technology

To recommend approval of an agreement with Intrafinity to provide SharpSchool Web Hosting Services for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$5,238.00.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the agreement.

IX. (*) Grant Acceptance

To accept additional Investing in Innovation (i3) grant funds of \$294.87 from Flemington-Raritan School District to be used for expenses related to new Reading Recovery teachers attending Reading Recovery training for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the grant funds.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 13, 2014

Future Topics

Summer Assignments

Program Review Updates

Professional Development



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
January 23, 2014 6:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) PARCC

PARCC is the new statewide assessment system that will replace NJASK & HSPA in the 2014-15 school year. All students 3 – 11 will be assessed in Language Arts & Mathematics. These assessments are aligned with the Common Core Standards that were adopted by NJ three years ago. The district has worked since their adoption to realign our curriculum and provide professional development for staff. All of the assessments will take place on a computer. The district has been and will continue to examine the technological infrastructure required to support the future of instruction and assessment in the district. With the move to the PARCC assessments, there will be no high school graduation requirement assessments for three years, this impacts current 8th, 9th and 10th graders. It is anticipated that new high school graduation requirements would go into effect for current 7th graders. Five district schools (both high schools, both middle schools & Village School Grade 5) will participate in a field test of the PARCC assessment this spring. Two classes in each building have been randomly assigned to participate in the assessment.

II. (●) Professional Development – January 31, 2014

www.wwpjan2014.eventbrite.com

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the offerings for staff professional development for the Jan 31 district PD day. There are over 100 workshops from which staff can choose.

III. (●) Research Project by Dr. Colette Gosselin of TCNJ

Dr. Gosselin will conduct an investigation into the effectiveness of TCNJ's teacher preparation program for science education. She will work with a new teacher to study the impact of training on instructional decision making and student performance.

IV. (*) Professional Development - Consultants

To recommend approval for the following consultants to provide training during the District Professional Development Day on January 31, 2014:

- Steve Mills from the Philadelphia Museum of Art to provide a workshop for teachers entitled "A picture teaches 1,000 words" An introduction to ARTstor" at a cost of \$450.
- Karen Kelley, consultant, to provide a workshop for Instructional Assistants entitled "Finding the Right Match: Classroom Strategies that Work" at a cost of \$400.
- Mark Percy from Rider University to provide a workshop for teachers entitled "Just War Doctrine" at no cost to the district.

- American Red Cross to provide CPR training for High School South Physical Education Teachers at a cost not to exceed \$500.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval for the consultants.

V. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips:

- Community Middle School Band to Washington, DC, from June 5, 2014, through June 7, 2014, at a cost of approximately \$415 per student.
- High School South Band to Madrid, Granada, and Toledo, Spain, from February 16, 2015, through February 22, 2015, at a cost of approximately \$2,500 per student.
- High School South Orchestra to Italy from November 22 through November 29, 2014, t a cost of approximately \$2,500 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trips. The Curriculum Committee recommends that the Board investigate and review the field trip policy in order to develop consistent experiences across schools and programs. Also, at the last CC meeting, it was decided that parents will not be permitted to chaperone overseas field trips. The Curriculum Committee has approved the high school overseas trips with the understanding that no freshman will be allowed to go on these trips.

VI. (*) Non-public Technology

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2014 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

French American School of Princeton \$175.00
Montessori Corner at Princeton Meadows \$248.06

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the expenditures.

VII. (*) Consultants

To recommend approval of Razia Hassan as a consultant for the StarTalk Hindi/Urdu program at a cost of \$500 [paid through FY14 StarTalk Grant].

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the consultant.

VIII. (●) Future Meeting Dates

The Curriculum Committee discussed future meeting dates. These will be published on the Board calendar.

The Curriculum Committee recommends that the full Board convene several retreats for the coming school year.

Next Meeting Date: February 11, 2014

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Summer Assignments



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
March 18, 2014 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) K-5 Computers & Music

The Curriculum Committee discussed the move of the K-1 computer cycle to the upper elementary grades in order to create an uninterrupted third through seventh grade articulated curriculum in computers. Starting in third grade allows the district to prepare the students for the PARCC exams. The K-1 computer specials are a preparation period for teachers, so these need to be replaced. They will be replaced by music for students. Currently kindergartners do not have a music class and first grade has 1 period per week.

II. (●) Middle School World Languages

The Curriculum Committee discussed the enrollment numbers for Hindi in the sixth grade. There were 24 students at CMS and 20 at GMS who registered to study Hindi that did not indicate that Hindi is spoken in the home. These are not sufficient numbers to offer the language next year. The Committee will continue to consider the introduction of Hindi in the future.

III. (●) Read 180 - Community Middle School program update

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the preliminary data from the Title I Read 180 program at Community Middle School. 76% of the students have demonstrated at least one year's reading growth. These early results are promising, but before we recommend moving forward with the program and the district assuming the full cost for the program we need to examine additional data such as the impact on regular classroom performance or the students' performance on the NJASK. This data will be reviewed as it becomes available to determine if the program warrants extension to Grover Middle School.

IV. (●) HSN Biology Pilot

The Curriculum Committee discussed parent and student concerns about the pilot program taking place in the classes of two teachers at High School North. The Committee reviewed the concerns in the program related to grading, feedback, instructional strategies and pacing. In addition to the need for adjustments for this school year, the Committee discussed processes for evaluating the program to determine the pilot's future.

V. (*) Professional Development Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following:

- a) Up to five teachers to attend the Quest & Connect-Ed Summer Institute or the Quest 2014 Scholars Program offered through Princeton University TeacherPrep, Rider University, and the Science Education and Literacy Center (SELECT), at a total cost not to exceed \$2,500, including supplies and materials.

- b) One teacher resource specialist to attend the institute on the Teaching of Reading and Writing, from Monday, August 4, 2014, through Friday August 15, 2014, at Columbia University, New York City, at a total cost of \$1,500.
- c) Up to six teachers to attend *Preparing for Google Apps EDU Certification* training at Kean University, Union, New Jersey, from May 8, 2014, to May 9, 2014. Teachers will use professional development money for registration; Mileage and tolls will be covered by the district.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

VI. (*) Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the District to support a High School Student to attend the 2014 National Association of Student Council Members Conference by financially supporting one teacher to accompany the student to Ocoee High School in Orlando Florida from June 24 through June 30, 2014, at a total cost of \$1,599. The trip is organized by the New Jersey Association of Student Councils.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the travel.

VII. (*) STARTALK Grant Acceptance

To recommend acceptance of the STARTALK grant for \$89,990 for Hindi and Urdu Summer Immersion Camps for the period April 2014 through February 2015.

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the grant.

VIII. (*) Science Kits

To recommend approval to enter into an agreement with ECA Educational Services to provide science kit refurbishing services for the 2013-2014 school year at a cost of approximately \$94,000.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the agreement.

IX. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- To recommend approval for High School South Junior Statesmen of America to attend a conference in Parsippany, New Jersey, from April 12, 2014, to April 13, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$120 per student.
- High School North Robotics team to Lehigh University, Lehigh, Pennsylvania to attend the National Competition from April 12, 2014 to April 14, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$175 per student.
- High School North Robotics team to St. Louis, Missouri, to attend the International Competition from April 23, 2014 to April 26, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$900 per student.
- Community Middle School Lego Robotics team to San Diego, California, to attend the National Competition from May 15, 2014 to May 18, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$900 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 8, 2014 @ 5:30 pm

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Summer Assignments



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
April 8, 2014 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Summer Reading Lists

The Committee began to review the required 2014 Language Arts Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The Committee looked at the work of the 9th and 10th grade teachers. There is one reading list for both Honors and College Prep level classes. The assessment of the summer reading will have a consistent weighting of 5% in the first marking period. The complete lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 20, 2014 board meeting.

II. (●) Research Proposal

Jill Patterson proposes to study how to promote gender equality in science education by examining lesson components and how these contribute to girls' motivational attributes. The Curriculum Committee supports this research.

III. (*) Cable TV Interlocal Services

1. To authorize the second-year of a five-year Shared Services Agreement between West Windsor Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.
2. To authorize the second year of a five-year Interlocal Services Agreement between Plainsboro Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.

The Curriculum Committee approves of this authorization. The Committee discussed the types of programming and how often these are viewed by the community.

IV. (*) Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following teacher travel:

To support 3 advisors to accompany the Middle School and High School students to the Future Problem Solvers National Competition at the University of Iowa in Ames, Iowa, from June 12, 2014 to June 15, 2014. The cost of the trip is not to exceed \$1,200 per teacher.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of this travel.

V. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- Community Middle School Science Olympiad to attend the National Competition at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, from May 14, 2014 through May 18, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

- High School South Science Olympiad to attend the National Competition at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, from May 16, 2014, to May 18, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$900 per student.
- Middle School and High School students to attend the Future Problem Solvers National Competition at the University of Iowa in Ames, Iowa, from June 12, 2014 to June 15, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,150 per student.
- Middle School and High School students to National History Day at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, from June 15, 2014 to June 19, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student.
- High School South Cheerleading Squad to UCA Cheer Camp, Monmouth University, New Jersey, from July 11, 2014, to July 13, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$290 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of these field trips.

The Committee discussed the creation of a teacher resource specialist position for reading intervention at the K-2 level that will help teachers to identify and work with students with dyslexia.

Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2014

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Summer Assignments



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Asst Superintendent's Office
May 13, 2014 6:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye: Absent
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (*) Summer Reading Lists

To recommend approval of the required 2014 Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 20, 2014 board meeting. The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the lists.

II. (●) BYOD at the High School

The Curriculum Committee began discussion of a BYOD policy for the high school. The Technology Strategic Planning Committee will reconvene in September to further discuss the implementation of a BYOD policy for the 2015-16 school year at the high school. The CC discussed including three Board members on this, one from each of the three standing Board committees. The Committee discussed the minimum specifications for devices, that students without devices would need to be provided devices to use in school and at home and the professional development training needed to support staff.

III. (*) Instructional Resource Specialist for Reading – Job Description

The Committee reviewed the job description for this position and supports its adoption.

IV. (●) Athletics GPA Data

The Committee reviewed the data comparing the percent of athletes with a GPA less than 2.0 with total school population. It was noted that there is not a significant difference between these two groups. The Committee would like to see this data tracked over years as we move forward.

V. (●) Professional Development Day – June 18, 2014

The PD day on June 18 will be focused on the SGO assessments that were implemented by all teachers this school year. Staff will have an opportunity to review the data and discuss the quality of the tasks used this year and begin to revise and refine for next year's SGO process.

VI. (●) New Teacher Induction – June 19 - 20, 2014

The New Teacher PD days will focus on backward-design and the curriculum design process utilized in the district. This provides a framework for teachers to start with the end goals in mind, conceptualize the necessary evidence of student learning and then determine what instructional strategies will best allow students to reach the determined goals.

VII. (●) 2014-2015 Professional Development and Curriculum Hours/LA & SS Program Reviews

Necessary hours for professional development, testing, and curriculum articulation will be posted in May and appointments will be placed on future personnel agendas.

Several of the summer curriculum projects and PD opportunities are directly related to the recommendations arising from various program reviews. The HS LA teachers will develop the curriculum for LA III CP & Honors as well as develop guidelines for writing and the inclusion of grammar in the curriculum. The Social Studies teachers will write the curriculum for the new World History Honors course. Special Education has several projects to revise Special Ed curricula as well as for creating a Pre-K through 5th grade Parent Support Group model.

VIII. (●) Title I Summer Programs

The district will continue the summer programs that took place last summer at Town Center, Wicoff, Millstone River and Community Middle School to support struggling learners in both language arts and mathematics.

IX. (●) Curriculum Committee Schedule June 2014 through December 2014

Proposed Curriculum Committee Dates/Times	Board Meeting Dates/Times
• June 11 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm	June 24
• July 1 (Tuesday) 5:30pm	July 22
• August 19 (Wednesday) 5:30 pm	August 26
• September 9, Tuesday 5:30pm	September 23
• October 7, Tuesday 5:30pm	October 14
• November 11, Tuesday 5:30pm	November 18
• December 2, Tuesday 5:30pm	December 9

The Committee approved the dates for the rest of this year.

X. (*) Startalk Grant Hindi Summer Program

To approve the following consultants for services provided in relation to, and funded by, the 2014-15 Startalk Hindi/Urdu Summer Program:

Rajni Bhargava – Co-Director & Curriculum Development Specialist
Nusrat Sohail – Co-Director & Curriculum Development Specialist
Bindeshwari Aggarwal, Milind Ranade, Dolly Chaterjee, Humaira Rahman, Talat Shahzadi, Nabeela Farooqi – Instructors and Online Instructors
Shanti Jain, Sangeeta Jain, Razia Hassan, Sahrish Shahzadi – Teaching Assistants and Online Instructors
Julie Myers – Coordinator
Rosanne Zeppieri - Lead Instructor
Rakesh Ranjan - Professional Development Specialist

The Committee approves the consultants for the STARTALK program.

XI. (*) Technology

- To approve a one-year agreement with mylessonplanner.com to provide, support, hosting and maintenance of mylessonplanner.com, a web-based lesson planning technology for the entire district, from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, at a cost of \$19,950.
- To recommend approval of a one-year subscription renewal from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 with Hapara, Inc., for 1,585 users of Chromebook Teacher Dashboard Add-on for Students for use with the Chromebook pilot program at a total cost of \$9,928.

The Committee approves the two technology agreements.

XII. (*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 4 district staff members to attend Confratute, sponsored by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, at the University of Connecticut from July 13, 2014, through July 18, 2014 at a cost of \$1,395 per person, plus travel.
- b) 2 science teachers to attend AP Science Institutes at New Jersey Colleges during the 2014-2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,025 per teacher plus mileage.
- c) 1 Science teacher to attend Preparing for the Next Generation Science Standards at the Science Education Institute at Raritan Valley Community College, North Branch, New Jersey from July 28, 2014 through August 1, 2014 at a total cost of \$400.
- d) 2 Language Arts teacher to attend AP Language Arts Institutes at New Jersey Colleges during the 2014-2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,025 per teacher plus mileage.
- e) 4 World Language teachers to attend AP World Language Institutes at Colleges in the tri-state area during the 2014-2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,600 per teacher plus mileage.
- f) 2 Social Studies teachers to attend the AP U.S. History Annual Conference on July 10, 2014 at a cost not to exceed \$215 per teacher plus mileage.
- g) 1 Math teacher to attend AP Calculus AB at a New Jersey College during the 2014–2015 school year at a cost not to exceed \$1,025 plus mileage.
- i) To approve a one-year agreement with Teachscape to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for 20 district administrators, from July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015, for a total cost of \$7,780.

The Committee approves the professional development opportunities.

XIII. (*) Overnight Field Trips

- a) To recommend approval for High School South Red Cross Club to Okemo, Vermont from December 19, 2014, through December 21, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$325 per student.
- b) To recommend approval for the High School South Swim Team to Coral Springs, Florida from December 26, 2014, through December 31, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student.
- c) To recommend approval to change the location for the High School South Concert Choir trip originally approved on December 17, 2013, from Latvia, Estonia and Finland to Germany and the Czech Republic. The dates of the trip will remain April 6, 2015 through April 14, 2015. The cost of the trip remains approximately \$2,425 per student.

The Committee approves the two field trips and the changed itinerary for the HSS Choir trip. The Committee requests that the CC enter into a larger discussion regarding field trips and setting parameters for all overnight field trips.

XIV. (*) Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following teacher travel:

- a) To allow the Middle School and High School students to attend National History Day at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, by supporting 4 teachers to attend as advisors from June 14, 2014 to June 19, 2014. The cost is not to exceed \$800 per teacher. The Committee approves the teachers to chaperone the students for NHD.

Next Meeting Date: June 11, 2014

Future Topics

Teacher Evaluation Data



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
June 11, 2014 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Melissa Levine
Donna Gibbs-Nini

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Overnight Field Trip Discussion

The Curriculum Committee discussed the procedures and parameters regarding field trips. The number of overnight trips, the cost of the trips, the amount of time impacted instructionally were all discussed. Each high school administration reviews trips for appropriateness; its relation to curricular and/or co-curricular activities. Administration expressed its concerns about the cost of the trips. The administration let the Committee know that students are able to fund raise and that there are funds available to underwrite costs for students who are determined economically needy. The Committee stated the need to have trip proposals come forward to the Board for approval prior to being presented to students.

II. (●) Research Projects:

- Reynolds - New Teacher Induction Research Proposal
- Percy – Just War Doctrine Research Proposal
- Mgenuity Corporation – National Science Foundation ScienceBrainius software R&D

The Curriculum Committee discussed the three proposed research projects and supports allowing the Reynolds and Percy studies to happen. The Reynolds project connects to our staff induction program already in place. The Committee requested that the Percy study survey students in both buildings. The Committee asked to find out if the Mgenuity study would be voluntary and if it could occur during middle school students FLEX period. This study will be discussed again once Mgenuity finds out if they receive the grant and will actually conduct the study.

III. (*) Donations

To accept a monetary donation from the Maurice Hawk Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$4,580 for the purchase of iPads for Maurice Hawk classrooms.

The Curriculum Committee supports acceptance of the monetary donation.

IV. (*) Grants

To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from June 22, 2014, to February 28, 2015 [funded by the StarTalk grant]: Talia Khan, Hajrah Butt, – Junior Teaching Assistants

The Curriculum Committee supports approval of the consultants.

V. (*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- District membership in Teachers as Scholars at Princeton University for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$2,000. Membership includes admission to seven Teachers as Scholars seminars and one Administrators as Scholars seminar.

- Travel expenses for one World Language teachers approved to attend AP Spanish Literature and Culture Institute at Fordham University, New York City, from July 14, 2014, through July 18, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$850.
- One World Language teacher to attend AP Chinese workshops at the AP Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from July 11, 2014, through July 12, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$430, plus mileage.
- One administrator to attend the institute on the Teaching of Writing, from Monday, June 23, 2014, through Friday June 27, 2014, at Columbia University, New York City, at a cost of \$750, plus travel.

The Curriculum Committee supports approval of the professional development.

As a follow up to last month's CC meeting, the Committee discussed following up with students in athletics and extra curricular to ensure that these students receive support for their academics.

Next Meeting Date: July 1, 2014

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

2014-15 Field Trip Approvals