



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
July 7, 2015 6:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) High School Mid-term & Final Exams**

The Curriculum Committee discussed the current structure of mid-terms and final exams. Currently the mid-term exam is divided into multiple sections that are spread out over the first semester. Students have expressed the feeling that there are now many more assessments and that the last part is administered for most classes at the end of the second marking period. Teachers have expressed that the multi-part exams make it difficult to have an adequate number of assessments for the marking period grades. Even though the last four days of the school year are set aside for the final exams, many students have multiple parts for these exams that are administered the last full weeks of classes. This means that students are assessing continuously throughout the month of June. Since there are no classes after these exams, the only feedback that students receive on the exam is the grade thus providing no opportunity to review the exams with students. The CC also discussed the weighting of these exams and how for many students these exams do not impact their final grades. Given these concerns, the elimination of these exams was discussed. The CC affirmed their approval of their elimination. As we move forward we will focus our efforts on the common assessments already in place in each course. There is a need to critically examine the design of common assessments as well as have teachers engage in reflective dialogue about how student performance on these assessments impacts instructional choices. Future professional development work on assessment needs to ensure that effective assessment practices that promote student learning are consistently implemented.

**II. (●) Review of District Goals**

The CC reviewed the final draft of the District Goals that were developed and reviewed during the June Board Retreat. Goal One focuses on continual improvement to the instructional program, Goal Two focuses on the budget and facilities and Goal Three focuses on developing the professional growth of direct leadership. These will be posted on the district web-site once all Board Committees have reviewed them.

**III. (●) Merit Goals for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents**

The CC reviewed the Superintendent's and the Asst. Superintendent's merit goals for the 2015-16 school year and recommends their submission to the County Office.

**IV. (●) District Professional Development**

**Administrative Retreat – August 11, 12, 13, 14, 2015**

**New Teacher Orientation – August 24, 25, 26, 27, 2015**

**Opening Day - September 1, 2015**

The CC reviewed upcoming PD that will be happening this summer and at the start of the new school year.

**V. (\*) Professional Development**

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- 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.
- 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 Administrator as Scholars seminar.
- Entering into a contract with New York University Reading Recovery to provide 2015-2016 Reading Recovery professional development and technical support for ten (10) reading recovery teachers at a cost of \$9,500 plus travel.
- Entering into an agreement with the New York City Department of Education to provide 2015-2016 Reading Recovery professional development to a new reading recovery teacher at a cost of \$16,020, plus travel.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

**VI. (\*) NJ Virtual School**

To recommend approval for Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission NJ Virtual School to provide online Latin IV courses, as outlined in the 2015-2016 High School Program of Studies, at a cost not to exceed \$650 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the registration for these students.

**VII. (\*) Grants**

- To recommend submission of the entitlement grant of \$574,769 for the “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), for the Fiscal Year 2016.

Title I Part A	\$284,299
Title II Part A	\$106,075
Title III	\$ 55,615
Title III Immigrant	\$128,780

The CC recommends approval of the grant submission.

- To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from June 1, 2015, to February 28, 2016 [funded by the StarTalk grant.]
  - Hilary Wilder: Professional Development Trainer
  - Julia Meyers: Coordinator
  - Hajrah Butt: Junior Teacher
  - Nimra Yaqoob: Junior Teacher
  - Sameen Butt: Junior Teacher
  - Parnika Puri: Junior Teacher

The CC recommends approval of the consultants.

**VIII. (●) Proposed Future Meeting Dates**

- September 1, 2015
- September 21, 2015 (After Board meeting)
- October 13, 2015
- November 10, 2015
- December 8, 2015
- January 19, 2016

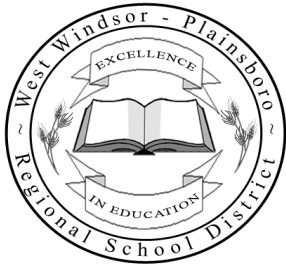
The CC discussed and approves the proposed dates.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:30pm**

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Revised Curriculum Approvals



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
August 18, 2015 5:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) AP Results Review**

Ninety three percent of students at both high schools achieved a score of 3 or higher on the May administration of AP exams. HSN administered a total of 1151 exams and HSS administered a total of 1121 exams. Despite exam redesigns in both Physics and U.s History this past school year, the results for the district were strong and far exceeded National averages.

**II. (●) 2014-15 Evaluation Data Review**

A review of the data submitted to the State on the second year implementation of the teacher evaluation system showed that for teachers who received a Summative Rating (Teacher Practice & SGOs (does not include mSGP teachers); 0% were rated Ineffective, 0% were rated Partially Effective, 12% were rated Effective, and 88% were rated Highly Effective.

**III. (\*) Professional Development**

- To recommend approval for Alice Hammel to provide trainings sessions for music teachers at the February 8, 2016 district professional development day at a cost of \$1,200.
- To recommend approval to enter into a NGSS District Partnership Program with Raritan Valley Community College Science Education Institute for Next Generation Science Standards professional development and sharing at a cost of \$4,750. \$2,000 will be offset through the support of the NJ Space Grant Foundation. The district will be responsible for a \$1,000 payment to Raritan Valley Community College and a \$1,750 payment direct to the professional development consultant, Stacey van der Veen.
- To recommend approval for the district's participation in the NGSS Lesson Development Project at Rider SELECT for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$250.
- To recommend approval to reimburse 3 teachers and one administrator for mileage related to attendance at four (4) Rider SELECT NGSS Lesson Development Project events during the 2015-2016 school year.
- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network training through Columbia University at a cost of approximately \$87,500. [The 2015-2016 contract covers consultant days and travel expenses, which will be paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network to provide 2015-2016 professional development services for administrators, according to state-mandated professional growth plans, at a cost not to exceed \$8,850. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend approval for the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to supply 90 tickets for the attendance by teachers and administrators to professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$4,500. [Paid through 2016 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 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$750 per teacher and \$4,500 total. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

**UPDATE: There will be no charge for the K-5 lead teacher group for 2015-2016.**

- To recommend approval for travel for teachers and administrators to attend the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of approximately \$50 per trip. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of these professional development opportunities.

#### IV. (\*) Curriculum Revisions

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:

1. Language Arts IV College Prep - revised
2. Language Arts IV Honors - revised

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curricula.

#### V. (\*) Grants

To recommend acceptance of the entitlement grant of \$560,684 for the “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), for the Fiscal Year 2016. (May appear on a future agenda and amounts may change slightly with final approval).

Title I Part A	\$284,299
Title II Part A	\$106,075
Title III	\$ 55,615
Title III Immigrant	\$114,695

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the grant.

#### VI. (\*) Nonpublic Technology Aid

To accept 2015-2016 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	\$ 598.00
Childrens House of the Windsors	\$ 442.00
French American School of Princeton	\$3,458.00
Harmony School at Princeton	\$ 390.00
Montessori Corner at Princeton Meadows	\$ 390.00
Montessori Country Day	\$1,170.00

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the aide.

To approve expenditures for the FY 2016 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Harmony School at Princeton	\$ 758.00
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The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the expenditures.

**VII. (\*) Community Education Programs**

To recommend approval of the listing of Community Education Fall 2015 Adult, Youth, and Afterschool Enrichment programs

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the courses.

**Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2015 – 7:30 pm**

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Program Review Updates



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Grover Main Office Conference Room  
September 21, 2015 7:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Lee McDonald

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Home Instruction On-line Pilot Program**

Mr. McDonald presented a pilot program to provide some home instruction via Google Hangout. Given the challenges of not enough home instructors, the delay in beginning home instruction and coordination of scheduling home instruction, the district will investigate the use of Google Hangout to see if it helps eliminate these challenges. The costs for providing the home instruction remain the same with a minimal investment in training teachers to use the system.

**II. (●) Review of Option ii Data**

The CC reviewed the data from this past summer's Option ii in comparison with Summer 2014. In 2014, for the courses compared, there were 672 enrollments with a passing rate of 30%. In the summer of 2015, there were 402 enrollments with a passing rate of 62%. By placing procedures in place for Option ii course taking, the Board has allowed more students to find success through this process.

**III. (\*) Curriculum Revisions**

To recommend approval of the following new and revised curricula:

1. Music Grade 3 - revised
2. Music Grade 4 - revised
3. Music Grade 5 - revised
4. Chorus Grade 3 - revised
5. Chorus Grade 4 - revised
6. Chorus Grade 5 – revised
7. Computer Art & Design I – revised
8. Computer Art & Design II - revised
9. Chinese 3 - revised
10. German 3 – revised
11. Geometry – revised
12. Geometry Honors – revised
13. Social Studies Grade 3 – revised
14. Digital Literacy – revised
15. Financial Literacy - new

- 16. Principles of Engineering – new
- 17. STEM Grade 8 - new

The CC recommends approval of the curricula.

#### **IV. (\*) Professional Development**

To recommend entering into a contract with Flemington-Raritan School District and New York University Reading Recovery to provide 2015-2016 Reading Recovery professional development and technical support for ten (10) reading recovery teachers at a cost of approximately \$9,500 plus travel.

To recommend approval for Montgomery Center for Research in Child & Adolescent Development (MCRCAD) to provide a full-day of training for staff members and parents during the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$5,250.

To recommend approval for IDE to provide non-tenured teacher training at various dates throughout the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$10,005.

The CC recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

#### **V. (\*) Travel**

To recommend authorization for the two program directors and one lead instructor for the STARTALK Hindi/Urdu Immersion Camp to attend the 2015 Post-Program Network for Program Excellence meeting in Orlando, Florida from October 2015 (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 2015 programs.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

#### **VI. (\*) Field Trips**

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

##### Middle Schools

- a. Community Middle School and Grover Middle School German Classes to Washington, D.C., from April 29, 2016, to April 30, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.
- b. Grover Middle School Choir Students to the Music Festival, Williamsburg, Virginia, from May 6, 2016, to May 8, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

##### High School North

- c. Model Congress to Washington, D.C., from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$450 per student.
- d. Model United Nations to Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.



- e. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 21, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- f. Model Congress to Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$350 per student.
- g. Model United Nations to the Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- h. Science Olympiad to Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, from January 23, 2015, to January 24, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- i. Model United Nations to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 28, 2016, to January 31, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- j. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from February 11, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- k. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 19, 2016, to February 21, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- l. Robotics Team to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from February 26, 2016, to February 28, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$500 per student.
- m. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 3, 2016, to March 7, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,280 per student.
- n. Robotics Team to Mount Olive High School, Flanders, New Jersey, from March 5, 2016, to March 6, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.
- o. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 15, 2016, to March 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- p. Robotics Team to Rensselaer, New York, from March 17, 2016, to March 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- q. Model Congress to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from March 31, 2016, to April 3, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- r. Robotics Team to Lehigh University, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, from April 14, 2016, to April 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- s. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 14, 2016, to April 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.

- t. Robotics Team to the First Robotics Championships in St. Louis, Missouri, from April 27, 2016, to April 30, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student.
- u. Science Olympiad to the University of Wisconsin, Stout Menomonie, Wisconsin, from May 19, 2016, to May 21, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

#### High School South

- v. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 14, 2015, to November 15, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- w. Model United Nations to Princeton University MUN Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- x. Model United Nations to Rutgers University MUN Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- y. Model United Nations to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 28, 2016, to January 31, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- z. Model United Nations to Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., from February 11, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- aa. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 12, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- bb. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 8, 2016, to March 12, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- cc. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 10, 2016, to March 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,280 per student.
- dd. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 28, 2016, to April 1, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- ee. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 14, 2016, to April 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.
- ff. Junior Statesmen of America to Parsippany, New Jersey, from April 16, 2016, to April 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.

#### Athletics

gg. High School North Cheerleaders to UCA National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida, from February 4, 2016 to February 8, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$975 per student.

hh. High School North Spring Track & Field to NJSIAA Group State Meet in Egg Harbor, New Jersey from June 3, 2016, to June 4, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$100 per student.

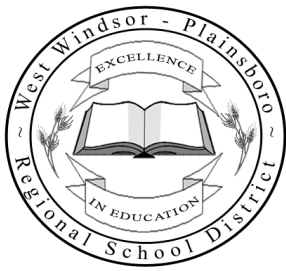
The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:30pm**

Future Topics

G&T Program Review

Program of Studies



## West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education

Board Curriculum Committee Meeting

Central Office Conference Room

October 13, 2015 6:30 PM

### SUMMARY NOTES

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Andrea Bean  
Melissa Pearson

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#### **DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (\*) Curriculum Revisions**

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:  
Social Studies Grade 4

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curriculum.

**II. (\*) Community Education**

To recommend approval of the winter 2015-2016 Community Education Adult and Youth Programs.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the programs.

**III. (\*) No Child Left Behind Grant**

To recommend approval to revise the amount to submit for the Fiscal Year 2016 “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), originally approved for submission on July 21, 2015, to \$729,306 to include prior year carryover as follows:

Title I	\$ 321,336
Title II Part A	\$ 109,089
Title III	\$ 82,774
Title III Immigrant	\$ 216,107

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the revision and submission.

**IV. (\*) Travel**

- 4 teacher resource specialists to attend the January Coaching of Writing Institute in New York City from January 24, 2016, through January 27, 2016, at a cost of \$800 plus mileage [paid through No Child Left Behind Title II funds].
- 1 teacher to College Board AP Workshop for Calculus AB at Robbinsville High School, Robbinsville, New Jersey, on November 6, 2015, at a cost of \$185 plus mileage.
- 1 Reading Recovery teacher to attend the Literacy for All conference November 15-17, 2015, in Providence, Rhode Island, at a cost of \$733.16, partially paid through Reading Recovery i3 grant funds.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

**V. (●) A&E Math Program Action Plan**

The Curriculum Committee discussed the first draft of the re-design of the A&E Math Program. This discussion included the sequence of courses from grades 6 – 12 remaining the

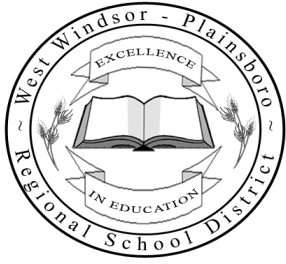
same as is currently in place. A variety of mechanisms to provide differentiated instructional support for students in grades 4-5 were reviewed. In addition, the Committee discussed the need for new criteria for assessment of students in grade 5 to be developed and piloted. The goal of the new identification procedures would be to increase access so that more students would have access to the program starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade. The Committee discussed a communication plan for moving forward, but no final decisions were reached regarding this.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, November 10, 2015 6:30pm**

Future Topics

Program of Studies

Program Review Updates



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
November 10, 2015 6:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair

Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith

David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Dr. Andrea Knorr – graduate student &  
HSN teacher

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Program of Studies**

The CC reviewed the proposed changes to the high school 2016-17 Program of Studies. The proposed changes include the following:

**ART:**

- Art Studio I & II, Ceramics/Sculpture, Printmaking/Printmaking II, Computer Art & Design will be combined into full year courses

**BUSINESS/COMPUTER SCIENCE/ENGINEERING:**

- Update Accounting I course description
- Delete Accounting II and III, replace with Marketing Course
- Add Engineering: Architecture Design & Fabrication
- Add AP Computer Science Principles
- Intro to Computer Programming & Mobile App Design has been redesigned, renamed

**MATH:**

- Multivariable Calculus Honors has been renamed, “& Accelerated” has been dropped
- Course description for Pre-Calculus Honors & Accelerated has been updated

**MUSIC:**

- Renamed band, orchestra and choir to clearly delineate the three levels of course offerings

**SCIENCE:**

- Course descriptions in Biology, Biology Honors, Environmental, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Conceptual Physics, Physics, Honors Physics, Advanced Topics in Physics have been updated
- Chemistry and Chemistry Honors pre-requisites have been updated to include Biology or Biology Honors

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- Add AP Psychology
- AP Government & Politics has been split into two courses:  
AP American Government and AP Comparative Government & Global Studies

**WORLD LANGUAGE:**

- Delete Latin IV

- Delete Spanish for Heritage Speakers I & II
- Replace 85% course eligibility for all courses, replace with 80% to match all subject areas
- Potential renaming of Senior Option to “Senior Practicum & Internship,” adding a 2.5 credit fall practicum course aligned to the spring internship

**II. (●) A&E Math Program Action Plan**

The CC discussed the proposed Board resolution for first reading at the November 17 meeting with a vote for the December 15 Board meeting. The Committee also discussed the feedback received from the community to date as well as issues related to the proposed action plan.

**III. (\*) NJ QSAC - Statement of Assurance**

To recommend submission of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education’s New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2015-2016 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2(f).

The CC recommends submission of the Statement of Assurance for QSAC.

**IV. (\*) Professional Educational Services**

To recommend approval for Camp Fire New Jersey to provide “Count On Me Kids” character education program for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes for 10 days during the 2015-2016 school year at a total district cost not to exceed \$5,000.

The CC recommends approval of the professional services.

**V. (\*) StarTalk Grant**

To recommend the submission of the 2016 STARTALK grant application for Hindi/Urdu Summer Immersion Camp in the amount of approximately \$89,970. [WW-P will serve as lead agency.]

The CC recommends submission of the grant application.

**VI. (\*) Overnight Field Trips**

Community Middle School

To recommend approval of an overnight field trip for Community Middle School Band and String Orchestra to Washington, D.C. for the 2016 National Festival of the States from June 3, 2016, to June 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$500 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trip.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 6:30pm**

Future Topics

Professional Development

Program Review Updates



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
December 8, 2015 6:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) A&E Math Program Board Resolution**

The CC recommends approval of the A&E Math Program Board resolution.

**II. (\*) HS Program of Studies**

To recommend approval of the 2016-2017 High School Program of Studies.  
The CC recommends approval of the POS.

**III. (\*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2015 Classes and Trips**

To recommend approval of the Community Education Spring and Summer 2016 Youth programs.  
The CC recommends approval of the Community Ed Spring/Summer classes and trips.

**IV. (\*) Travel**

To recommend approval for one teacher resource specialist to attend the January Coaching of Writing Institute in New York City from January 24, 2016, through January 27, 2016, at a cost of \$800 plus mileage.  
The CC recommends approval of the travel.

**V. (\*) Overnight Field Trips**

**Grover Middle School**

To recommend approval of an overnight field trip for Outdoor Education to Greeley, Pennsylvania, from June 6, 2016, to June 10, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.

**High School South**

To recommend approval of the revised dates for the Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 19, 2016 to February 21, 2016. Originally approved on October 6, 2015 for February 12, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip remains unchanged.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 @ 7:00 pm**

**Future Topics**

Program Review Updates  
2016 Curriculum Committee meeting dates





**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Board Office Conference Room  
January 19, 2016 7:00 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug, chair  
Tony Fleres  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) State Testing Report**

The CC reviewed the State testing report that will be presented at the January 26 Board meeting. This is the first year of PARCC data and therefore serves as a new baseline with no comparisons to previous State tests.

**II. (●) Citizen Climate Cost Project**

The CC learned about this project which will take place in Vicotria Bartley's Environmental Science classes at HSN. Students will play a game and investigate the personal impact of climate change by interviewing community members who have experienced loss due to climate related events.

**III. (\*) Professional Development Day – February 8, 2016**

The link to the Professional Development Day program can be found at [www.wwpfeb2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.wwpfeb2016.eventbrite.com). The committee recommends approval for the following consultants to provide training during the District Professional Development Day on February 8, 2016:

- EnoughAbuse.org to present a workshop on child abuse prevention at no cost to the district.
- Code.org to present a workshop on partnering to provide professional development at no cost to the district.
- Jen Vasquez, LCSW, to provide a stress management workshop at no cost to the district.
- Carol Watchler, co-chair of the Gay Lesbian Straight Education Network of Central New Jersey to present a workshop on creating an LGBT inclusive school climate at no cost to the district.
- The New Jersey Islamic Network Group to present several cultural diversity workshops for teachers at no cost to the district.
- Special Olympics, NJ, to provide a workshop for Physical Education teachers at no cost to the district.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

**IV. (●) Proposed Future Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, February 2  
Tuesday, March 1  
Tuesday, April 5  
Tuesday, May 3  
Tuesday, June 7  
Tuesday, July 19  
Tuesday, August 16

Tuesday, September 6  
Monday, October 10  
Tuesday, November 1  
Tuesday, December 6  
The CC reviewed proposed dates for the coming calendar year.

Next Meeting Date: February 2, 7:00 pm

Future Topics

Program Review Updates



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Board Office Conference Room  
March 1, 2016 6:30 PM

**Summary Notes**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Anthony Fleres  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Elementary & Secondary Education Act Accountability Profiles**

The Committee reviewed the preliminary 2015 ESEA Accountability Profiles for the district and each school. Since last year was the first year of administration of the PARCC exams, this year is a “hold-harmless” year in regards to the Performance measures and serves as a baseline from which improvement will be measured each year. Because there was insufficient participation at the district level for Limited English Proficient students in Language Arts, The NJDOE requires the district to write an action plan to work to improve the participation rate. Also, High School North, High School South, Grover Middle School and Dutch Neck Elementary school also failed to meet sufficient participation rates (95%) for various groups of students so action plans are required to be written and submitted to the NJDOE to detail the steps the district will take to improve participation rates to meet the State requirement of 95% of students taking the PARCC exam.

**II. (\*) ESEA Accountability Action Plan - Participation Rate**

To recommend submission of the 2015 Participation Rate Action Plans.  
The Curriculum Committee recommends submission of the plans to the NJDOE.

**III. (●) Program Review Updates:**

- Gifted & Talented
- Fine & Performing Arts
- Media Center Review for 2016-17 school year

The CC reviewed the Action Plan for the recommendations that were in both the External and Internal Reports of the Gifted & Talented Program Review. Several of the recommendations have been implemented already this year. Several of the recommendations relate to the continued need for professional development for all stakeholder groups (staff, administration and parents).

The Program Review for Fine and Performing Arts is continuing. Both the internal and external teams have been working towards draft reports. A parent survey was conducted a couple of weeks ago and a student survey is being conducted now. The Internal team is drafting recommendations in subcommittee and will review in April with the full committee. It is anticipated that the CC will review the reports in June.

Administration is recommending a program review of the Media Centers for the 2016-17 school year.

**IV. (●) Grade 8 STEM Elective**

The CC reviewed the implementation of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade STEM elective pilot this year in which students were able to take both the Computer and Design & Engineering electives. There was great interest from students and the teachers have been developing and refining the curriculum and projects for these combined courses. Due to scheduling constraints, the administration does not recommend expanding the number of sections beyond the current offering of one section, but does recommend continuing with one section at each middle school for another year.

**V. (●) Middle School Math Name Changes**

The Administration recommends renaming many of the middle school math courses to match the Standards to which the courses are aligned. The only curriculum change would be to the Algebra 1 Part 1 course. This course would be realigned to the Standards for the course and the State exam the students take.

**VI. (●) Middle School Grading Scale**

The Administration recommended aligning the middle school grading scale to the high school grading scale. This would allow for better articulation from the middle school to the high school.

**VII. (●) Professional Development Updates**

The committee reviewed the preliminary survey results from the February 8 in-service day. The staff was overwhelmingly positive in their assessment of the day.

**VIII. (●) Research Projects –**

**a. Chimaobi Amutah, Rutgers University**

*Screaming from the Sideline?: Parental Voice and Class in the Age of Accountability*

**b. Arti Joshi – The College of New Jersey**

*Research on Asian Indian Parents' beliefs about Early Childhood Education, Play and Literacy*

The CC reviewed the Superintendent's recommendation to allow these research projects to interview individuals within the district. All Institutional Review Board protocols will be followed.

**IX. (●) Strategic Plan 2016-2017**

Dr. Aderhold reviewed plans for developing a new Strategic Plan for the district during the 2016-17 school year.

**X. (\*) Administrator Contract - Merit Goal**

To recommend certifying the following:

- a) To acknowledge that Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, has achieved his 2015-2016 qualitative merit goal criteria #2; and
- b) To authorize submission of the 2015-2016 goal attainment with appropriate documentation for review and approval by the executive county superintendent.

The CC recommends submission of Mr. Smith's Merit Goal to the County Superintendent.

**XI. (\*) Professional Development – Travel**

To recommend approval for up to 20 administrators and teachers to attend the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Friday, April 15, 2016, at a cost of \$204 per person plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD travel.

**XII. (\*) Professional Development - Consultant**

To recommend approval for COMPanion Corporation to provide approximately 2 hours of online training on Alexandria V6.22.2 software features to district media specialists in Spring, 2016, at a cost of \$225 for the first hour and \$185 for each additional hour. The CC recommends approval of the PD consultant.

**XIII. (\*) STARTALK Grant Acceptance**

To recommend acceptance of the STARTALK grant for \$89,920 for Hindi and Urdu Summer Immersion Camps for the period March 2016 through February 2017. The CC recommends acceptance of the grant.

**XIV. (\*) Northwest Evaluation Association**

To recommend entering into an agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to supply web-based Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) math and language arts assessments for students and test administration training for staff. The cost of the materials and training through June, 2017 is approximately \$113,300. The CC discussed the use of these assessments to replace a variety of current assessments used in the district such as basic skills screening, special education goal setting and new student placement. The CC recommends purchase of the assessment.

**XV. (\*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2015 Classes and Trips**

To recommend approval of the following additional Community Education Spring and Summer 2016 Adult and Youth programs:

Asset Protection Boot Camp – New	Lose Weight through Hypnosis
BLS for Healthcare Providers	Princeton Education Network SAT Prep
First Aid & CPR	Princeton Review SAT Prep
Defensive Driving	Relaxation through Hypnosis
Financial Strategies for Successful Retirement	Safe Boating
Getting Paid to Talk	Savvy Social Security Planning
Kaplan SAT Prep	Stop Smoking with Hypnosis
Lentz & Lentz ACT/SAT Prep	Microsoft Excel for Beginners
	Microsoft Word for Beginners
	Encore Kids – Music Production

The CC recommends approval of the courses.

**XVI. (\*) Overnight Field Trips**

To recommend rescinding the following:

- District Robotics Team to the Tech Valley Regional Competition in Rensselaer, New York, from March 17, 2016, through March 19, 2016.

To recommend approval for the following:

- High School South Science Club to the National Ocean Sciences Bowl in Morehead City, North Carolina, from April 21, 2016, through April 24, 2016. The cost of the trip is paid by the National Ocean Sciences Bowl.
- High School South Science Club to the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., from April 28, 2016, through May 2, 2016. The cost of the trip is paid by the U.S. Department of Energy.
- Middle School and High School Future Problem Solvers to Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan, from June 1, 2016, through June 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,200 per student.

- Community Middle School Outdoor Education to Camp Canadensis, Canadensis Pennsylvania, from June 8, 2016, through June 10, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$215 per student.
- Middle School and High School National History Day students to College Park, Maryland, from June 12, 2016, through June 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$900 per student.
- High School South Marching Band to YMCA Fairview Lakes Band Camp, Newton, New Jersey, from August 21, 2016, through August 24, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$285 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

NGSS & Science Kits



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Board Office Conference Room  
April 5, 2016 7:00 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Anthony Fleres  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) High School Program of Studies Process**

The CC discussed the process used each year to review the HS Program of Studies. The Board of Education Curriculum Committee reviews recommended changes to the Program of Studies in November; these proposed changes are reported at a public meeting of the Board of Education in November. In December, there is a formal Program of Studies presentation to the full Board for a vote.

The timing of this process, which has been used for many years, is critical, as we must publish the Program of Studies in January to begin the student scheduling process in a timely manner. In addition, such a timeline allows us to prepare the budget that supports the programs and teaching staff. At this time, all high school students have been scheduled based upon the criteria of the Board of Education adopting Program of Studies Program for 2016 – 2017.

It is important to note that the change recommended for Chemistry with Biology as a pre-requisite came directly from our high school science teaching staff. They believed a change was needed for students requesting both Biology and Chemistry in Grade 9. A high school student needs to develop the ability to engage with the content in an inquiry-based, problem-solving setting, skills specifically developed in a rigorous laboratory-based course. This is where well-developed skills become evident. When students take Biology and Chemistry in Grade 9, they believe that these students do not have the well-developed skills needed for Chemistry and its associated lab. Our teachers have found that students who have successfully completed Biology, while simultaneously developing their mathematical abilities during 9th grade, have enjoyed a much deeper sense of accomplishment in Science over the course of their high school career.

**II. (●) High School Study Hall Discussion**

When the high schools changed to the rotate and drop schedule, the school board wanted students to still have a study hall in their schedule. They wanted students to have a break in their day even if it did not occur every day. Administration sees that students surely need a break in their day when it can be provided. Study halls are when guidance groups meet (including college planning), when peer leaders work with freshmen, when special education students receive support, when music lessons occur, and when AP Science Labs meet. In addition, if we were to allow students to not have a study hall there would be very significant financial implications. These would include the need for additions to each high school in order to have sufficient space to hold the extra classes as well as around 25 additional teaching staff.

### **III. (\*) Science Kits**

To recommend approval to enter into an agreement with ECA Educational Services to provide science kit refurbishing services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of approximately \$96,000. The CC recommends approval of the purchase.

### **IV. (\*) Technology – Student Information System**

To recommend approval for Genesis Educational Services to provide system maintenance, including lesson planner, for the Genesis Student Information System and Genesis Staff Management System, interfaces for VersaTrans, IEP Direct, and Café Prepay, and secure backup services for the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$38,950.

The CC recommends approval of the purchase. As a point of reference, Infinite Campus was costing the district around \$140,000 per year.

### **V. (\*) Donation**

To recommend acceptance of a donation from DonorsChoose.org of 11 Acer Chromebooks with a monetary value of \$2,369.96 for student use in the classroom of Sarah Hellman at Village School. The CC recommends acceptance of the donation.

### **VI. (\*) Professional Development Travel Approvals**

To recommend approval for the following professional development workshops and travel:

- 4 teachers to attend a one-week Teachers College Summer Institutes at Columbia University, New York City, from June 20, 2016 to June 24, 2016, at a cost of 825 per person plus travel.
- 2 teachers to attend AP Computer Science Principles at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, from June 27, 2016 through June 30, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$1,025 per person plus mileage.
- 1 teacher to attend AP Chemistry at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, from July 18, 2016 through July 21, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$1,025 plus mileage.
- 2 teachers to attend the Quest 2016 Scholars Program offered through Princeton University TeacherPrep, at Princeton University from July 11, 2016, through July 15, 2016 at a total cost not to exceed \$300 per person, no travel included.
- 2 teachers to attend the Connect-Ed Summer Institute at Rider University from July 18, 2016, through July 22, 2016, at a total cost not to exceed \$300 per person, no travel included.
- 2 teachers to attend the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Summer Institute for Grades 6-12 at Raritan Valley Community College from July 25, 2016, through July 29, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$300 per person plus mileage.
- 8 teachers to attend the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Summer Institute for Grades K-5 at Raritan Valley Community College from August 8, 2016, through August 12, 2016, at a cost not to exceed \$300 per person plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD workshops and travel.



## **VII. (\*) Overnight Field Trips – Revised**

To recommend changing the location of the Junior Statesmen of America overnight field trip on April 16, 2016 and April 17, 2016 to Woodbridge, New Jersey instead of Parsippany. The cost of the trip remains approximately \$150 per student. [Originally approved on October 6, 2015].

The CC recommends approval of the change in date.

Next Meeting Date: May 3, 2016

### Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Technology Committee Update



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Board Office Conference Room  
May 3, 2016 7:00 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Anthony Fleres  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Andrea Bean

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) AMC Math Competition**

Ms. Bean, the 6-12 Math Supervisor came and discussed the AMC Math Competition with the Curriculum Committee. AMC 8 is designed for middle school students, AMC 10 and 12 is designed for high school students. We will open the AMC 10 competition to 8<sup>th</sup> grade A&E students as well as Math Counts students in who are interested in a more difficult exam competition.

**II. (●) Median Student Growth Percentiles (mSGPs) for 2014-2015**

The CC reviewed the mSGP scores for the district's 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts and Math teachers. The CC discussed the processes for teacher evaluation.

**III. (●) 2014-2015 New Jersey School Performance Reports**

The CC reviewed the 2014-15 NJ School Performance Reports for the district just released by the NJDOE. The reports contain many data points related to student performance on standardized assessments such as PARCC, ACT, AP, PSAT and SAT. As the testing report presented to the full Board in January indicated, the district continues to score well above state and national averages on these exams. The data also includes information about attendance, chronic absenteeism, student suspension rates, expulsions, instructional time, student to staff ratio and the high school graduation rates.

**IV. (●) 2016-2017 Professional Development and Curriculum Hours**

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

**V. (\*) Summer Reading Lists**

To recommend approval of the required 2016 Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 10, 2016 board meeting.

The CC recommends approval of the summer reading lists.

**VI. (\*) New Textbook Adoption**

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the course AP Psychology: Pearson's Psychology (AP Edition), by Ciccarelli and White. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$110 per text and \$31,500 total.  
The CC recommends approval of the textbook adoption.

**VII. (\*) Travel Approval**

To recommend approval for the following teacher travel based on the results of the May regional competitions. Actual approvals will appear on the May 24 agenda:

- 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 up to 3 teachers to attend as advisors from June 12, 2016 through June 16, 2016. The cost is not to exceed \$800 per teacher.
- To support 3 advisors to accompany the Middle School and High School students to the Future Problem Solvers International Competition at Michigan State University in Lansing, Michigan, from June 1, 2016 through June 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is not to exceed \$1,000 per teacher.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

**VIII. (\*) Cable TV Interlocal Services**

- a) To authorize the fourth 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.
- b) To authorize the fourth 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 CC recommends approval of the agreements.

**IX. (\*) Middlesex County Regional Educations Services Commission Non-public services**

To authorize the second year of a five-year agreement with Middlesex County Regional Education Services Commission, to provide administration of non-public funds for non-public school students within the district in accordance with the State Board of Education guidelines as required:

- a) 192/193 services for non-public instructional services to non-public school students within the district in accordance with the State Board of Education guidelines under Public Law 1977, Chapters 192/193 (N.J.S.A. 18A:46-1 to 17 and N.J.S.A. 18A:46-19.1 to 19.9).
- b) Non-public nursing services in accordance with the New Jersey Nonpublic Nursing Law guidelines under Public Law 1991, Chapter 226.
- c) Nonpublic Technology Initiative Program, pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program
- d) Non-public Textbook services in accordance with the requirement of the New Jersey Textbook Law, NJSA 18A:58-37.1 et seq,

- e) Non-public Title III and Title III Immigrant funds administration, pursuant to the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001
  - f) Non-public Security Aid Program funds administration, pursuant to the requirements of the New Jersey Nonpublic Security Aid Program.
  - g) Nonpublic IDEA-B funds administration, in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Part B (IDEA-B).
- The CC recommends approval of the agreement.

**X. (\* Nonpublic Technology Aid**

To approve expenditures for the FY 2016 New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

The French American School	\$614.22
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The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

**XI. (\* Technology**

- a) To approve a one-year agreement with Reliance Communication, LLC. (formerly Intrafinity) to provide SharpSchool Web Hosting Services for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$5,562.00. No change in pricing.
- b) To approve a one-year agreement with Frontline Technology Group (formerly Teachscape) to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for 16 district administrators, from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, for a total cost of \$4,800. No change in pricing.
- c) To approve a three-month 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, 2016 until September 30, 2016, at a cost of \$4,987.50. No change in pricing.
- d) To approve a one-year agreement with Exemplars Library to provide online resources for district-wide K-5 math instruction from June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017 at a cost of \$17,088.00.

The CC recommends approval of the agreements.

**XII. (\* Professional Development Consultant**

To recommend approval for Berit Gordon to provide a one-day (6 hour) workshop on June 29, 2016 to High School Language Arts teachers regarding adolescent literacy and best practices in reading instruction at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.

The CC recommends approval of the consultant.

**XIII. (\* Professional Development**

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 3 high school guidance staff members to attend the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling (NJACAC) Annual Conference in Atlantic City, New Jersey from June 6, 2016, through June 7, 2016 at a cost of \$225 per person, plus travel.

- b) 1 Social Studies teacher to attend AP US History Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from June 27, 2016, through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- c) 3 science teachers and one administrator to participate in the Rider University Science Education and Literacy Center's (SELECT) NGSS assessment professional learning workshop series at Rider University, Lawrenceville, New Jersey for 4 sessions during the 2016-2017 school year at a total group cost of \$300, plus mileage.
- d) 6 district staff members to attend Confratute, sponsored by the Neag Center for Gifted Education and Talent Development, at the University of Connecticut from July 10, 2016, through July 15, 2016 at a cost of \$1,570, plus travel.
- e) 1 Math teacher to attend AP Calculus AB Summer Institute at Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey, from August 1, 2016, through August 4, 2016 at a cost of \$900 plus mileage.
- f) 1 Social Studies teachers to attend an AP Comparative Government & Politics Summer Institute at Cabrini College, Radnor, Pennsylvania, from July 25, 2016 through July 28, 2016, at a cost of \$1,390 plus travel. [Course not available at a New Jersey location].
- g) 1 Language Arts teacher to attend an AP English Literature and Composition Summer Institute at Camden County College, Blackwood, New Jersey from August 1, 2016 through August 4, 2016, at a cost of \$900 plus mileage.
- h) 1 Science teacher to attend an AP Chemistry Summer Institute at Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey from August 8, 2016 through August 11, 2016 at a cost \$900 plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

**XIV. (\*) Startalk Grant Hindi Summer Program**

To approve the following consultants for services provided in relation to, and funded by, the 2016-17 Startalk Hindi/Urdu Summer Program:

Rajni Bhargava – Co-Director  
 Nusrat Sohail – Co-Director  
 Dolly Chaterjee, Mamta Puri, Rashmi Sudhir, Humeira Rahman, Nabeela Farooki, Farzana Haqqi – Instructors and Online Instructors  
 Shanti Jain, Sangeeta Jain, Razia Hassan, Sabeeha Ahmad – Teaching Assistants and Online Instructors  
 Parnika Puri, Harjrah Butt, Samin Butt – Junior Teaching Assistants  
 Julie Myers – Coordinator  
 Roseann Zeppieri, Ritu Jayakar – Consultant/PD Trainer  
 Milind Ranade – Technology Expert

The CC recommends approval of the consultants.

**XV. (\*) Field Trips**

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

- a) Community Middle School Math Counts State Delegates to the MATHCOUNTS National Competition, Washington, D.C., from May 7, 2016, to May 10, 2016. There is no cost for this trip, as all travel is provided by MATHCOUNTS.
- b) High School North and High School South Boys Golf to the North Jersey II Group 3 boys sectional golf tournament in Mahwah, New Jersey, from May 16, 2016, to May 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$140 per student.
- c) Community Middle School and High School North Science Olympiad to the University of Wisconsin, Stout Menomonie, Wisconsin, from May 18, 2016, to May 22, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: June 7, 2016

Future Topics

Fine and Performing Arts Program Review

Technology Strategic Plan



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Board Office Conference Room  
June 7, 2016 7:00 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Anthony Fleres  
Yingchao Zhang

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Rick Cave

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Review of draft Three Year Technology Plan**

The CC discussed the draft three-year plan to move the current 1:1 Learning Initiative forward in the 2017-18 school year for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is the first class who will reach the high school after having been participants in the program throughout middle school. A Committee of teachers, administrators, parents and students met throughout this school year to draft this plan. It proposed a continuation of Chromebook purchases for high school students with a phase-in of one grade level per year. The costs will be reviewed at a future Finance Committee meeting and the full Board will consider the plan next school year.

**II. (●) Potential Board Resolution on High School Graduation Requirements**

The CC reviewed the Board Resolution on delaying the implementation of the currently proposed high school graduation requirements that appears on tonight's Board agenda. The CC recommends approval of the resolution.

**III. (●) High School Class Rank**

The CC began a discussion of the possibility of removing structures that rank high school students. The CC discussed several news articles in which districts across the State and country have begun to stop naming valedictorians and salutatorians. The CC will continue this discussion as it seeks further input from staff, the full Board, and the community in this discussion.

**IV. (●) New Teacher Induction – June 20, 2016**

First year teachers will convene for a day of reflection and goal setting for next school year on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

**V. (●) Review Superintendent Merit Goals**

The CC reviewed the goals and recommends submission to the County Superintendent for approval.

**VI. (\*) Administrator Contract - Merit Goal**

To recommend certifying the following:

- a) To acknowledge that Martin Smith, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, has achieved his 2015-2016 qualitative merit goal criteria #1; and
- b) To authorize submission of the 2015-2016 goal attainment with appropriate documentation for review and approval by the executive county superintendent.

The CC recommends submission to the County Superintendent.

**VII. (\*) New Textbook Adoption**

To recommend adoption of Houghton Mifflin Harcourt's Big Ideas Math, by Larson and Boswell, for the course Math 8. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$89 per text and \$7,500 total.

The CC recommends approval of the textbook purchase.

**VIII. (\*) World Language Proficiency Testing**

To recommend the use of American Council on the Teacher of Foreign Language's (ACTFL's) Assessment of Performance toward Proficiency in Languages (AAPPL) assessment to determine appropriate placement for native speakers in World Language courses. Test costs not to exceed \$20 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the purchase of the assessment.

**IX. (\*) Non-public Technology**

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2016 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Montessori Country Day School	\$1,032.05
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The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

**X. (\*) Grants**

To recommend submission of the entitlement grant of \$502,860 for the "Every Student Succeeds Act" (ESSA) grant, which replaces the No Child Left Behind Act Consolidated Formula sub-grant, from the State of New Jersey, for the Fiscal Year 2017.

Title I Part A	\$292,408
Title II Part A	\$ 96,322
Title III	\$ 59,465
Title III Immigrant	\$ 54,665

The CC recommends submission of the grant.

**XI. (\*) Professional Development Consultant**

To recommend approval for Innovative Designs for Education (IDE) to provide five new teacher training sessions on learner-active, technology-infused classrooms during the 2016-2017 school year at a total cost of \$10,205.

The CC recommends approval of IDE as a consultant for the 2016-17 school year.



## **XII. (\*) Professional Development Travel Approval**

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- a) 1 social studies teacher to attend AP European History Summer Institute at The Community School, Naples, Florida, from June 13, 2016, through June 16, 2016 at a cost of \$625. [No travel supported]
- b) 1 Title III Immigrant teacher to attend SIOP Training for Teachers Virtual Institute Online from June 28, 2016, through July 19, 2016, at a cost of \$300. [Paid through No Child Left Behind Title III Immigrant funds].
- c) 1 AP Statistics teacher to attend a Beyond AP Statistics workshop at Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania, from June 28, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost \$325 plus mileage. [First \$300 of costs will be covered by the teacher's PD allowance].
- d) 1 AP English teacher to attend an AP English Language and Literature Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 5, 2016, through July 8, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- e) 2 World Language teachers to attend an AP French Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 18, 2016, through July 21, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 each plus mileage.
- f) 1 World Language teacher to attend an AP Spanish Language Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 18, 2016, through July 21, 2016, at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

## **XIII. (\*) Overnight Field Trips**

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- a) High School South Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greely, Pennsylvania, from August 17, 2016, to August 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
- b) High School North Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greely, Pennsylvania, from August 22, 2016, to August 25, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.
- c) High School North Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 2, 2017, to March 7, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,450 per student.
- d) High School South Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 9, 2017, to March 13, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,450 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: July 19, 2016

### Future Topics

Program Review Updates

2018 HS South Band Tour - Germany