



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
High School South Media Center Conference Room
December 5, 2011 10:00 AM

Summary Notes

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold
Victoria Kniewel

Guests:

Lee McDonald
Melissa Levine
John Enz

Other Attendees:

4 members of the public

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Overnight Field Trips

- Melissa Levine and John Enz provided an overview of the proposed music department trip for HSN to Germany in November 2012. They provided a rationale for choosing Firebird Arts, they focus on the music experience part of the trip. Fundraising opportunities were reviewed. The committee requested that if any changes happen to the eligibility requirements that those changes would need to be reviewed by the curriculum committee. The committee will take this trip to the full board in January.
- Junior Statesmen of America and National History Day National Competitions could occur starting late spring and are dependent upon whether or not the groups are advanced to the national from the regional competitions. There is typically a very small window in which the board may approve these overnight field trips for national competitions. Therefore, the curriculum committee may receive e-mails of items that may need to be placed on the board agenda before a curriculum committee meeting. This item was discussed proactively as we are beginning competition season and our teams have met with success at the national and regional competition.

II. (●) NJQSAC Update

- **NJQSAC - Statement of Assurance Resolution**
To recommend approval to submit the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education's NJQSAC Statement of Assurance for the 2011-2012 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

III. (●) Program Review Updates

- **Language Arts** – 2 RFPs were received by the deadline. The Language Arts Program Review Committee will review the RFPs and make a recommendation at the January Curriculum Committee Meeting. If a decision is made and agreed upon, the appointment will be on the January 10 Board Meeting Agenda.
- **Social Studies** – The external and internal reviews are complete. The two documents need to be merged into the official review document and reviewed by the curriculum committee.

- **Special Education** – The internal committee is continuing to meet in an effort of completing their internal review and drafting recommendations. Upon completion, the internal committee will then meet with the external consultant, Dr. Kamens to review her findings and her recommendations.
- **Music** – The process for music will begin in the spring.

IV. (*) Grant Acceptance

- To recommend acceptance of the entitlement grant of \$354,425 for the “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), for the Fiscal Year 2012. (Awaiting State approval before going to Board)

Title I	\$186,534
Title II Part A	\$117,141
Title III	\$ 50,750

V. (*) Future Curriculum Committee Dates:

- The committee determined that the next meeting will be on January 3, 2012 at 10:00am

VI. (●) HS Program of Studies

- The committee reviewed a draft version of the Summary of the Proposed Course Selection Process for Entrance into Honors and AP Courses. Questions arose regarding data for A&E math; specifically regarding how many students receive a grade lower than a C in the class. The committee reached consensus on the criteria and recommend forwarding the Summary to the full Board of Education for their review and approval. A PTA/PTSA meeting will be held regarding the proposed entrance criteria on Tuesday 12/6 at Dutch Neck Elementary School at 10am and an open public forum will be held on 12/7 at High School South at 6pm in the auditorium. Middle school A&E Mathematics will be discussed at a future committee meeting.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Future Topics
Program Review Updates