



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education

Board Curriculum Committee Meeting

Central Office Conference Room

June 25, 2012 10:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold
Victoria Kniewel

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Update on World Languages Program Review

An Ad Hoc Committee will be formed to examine the world languages program. The Board President will appoint a member of the Board to serve on this committee. The committee will review program design as well as what languages are offered.

II. (●) Technology - Load Balancing

At the finance committee meeting on Tuesday, June 19th, the committee approved the purchase of 2 internet controllers. One controller will be placed at each high school to manage, monitor and control the district's internet connectivity. The installation of the controllers will allow the district to utilize lower cost internet connections and still maintain the highest level of reliability, while increasing our capacity and significantly reducing the district's monthly cost.

The cost will be \$50,000 per year, but this purchase will save the district \$38,000 per year. The system will pay for itself within a year and a half.

III. (*) Technology

June 26, 2012 Agenda:

To approve a one-year agreement with mylessonplanner.com to provide implementation, support, maintenance and hosting of mylessonplanner.com, a web-based lesson planning technology for the entire district, from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, at a cost of \$19,950.

Two teacher committees were convened to examine the format for lesson plans and the functionality teachers would like to see in a lesson plan system. After reaching consensus, the committees examined 4 different systems. The teachers got demo accounts for 2 of the systems and ultimately decided on MyLessonPlanner. The CC supports the purchase of the MyLessonPlanner system.

July 17, 2012 Agenda:

To approve a one-year agreement with Performance Matters to provide Performance Matters Accountability Edition™, a web-based integrated student assessment and online testing system, at a cost of \$29,499.00 for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. [Paid through 2012 and 2013 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

The CC supports the purchase of Performance Matters.

IV. (*) Professional Development

June 26, 2012 Agenda:

To approve district membership in Teachers as Scholars at Princeton University for the 2012-2013 school year at a cost of \$2,000. Membership includes admission to seven Teachers as Scholars seminars and one Administrators as Scholars seminar.

The CC supports membership in Teachers as Scholars.

June 26, 2012 Agenda:

To approve a one-year agreement with Teachscape to provide end-user licensing for Danielson Framework evaluation training and certification for 42 district administrators, from July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013, for a total cost of \$16,758. [Funding in the amount of \$14,856 is from the RTTT3 grant, which is pending approval].

This system will allow all district administrators to be certified in the use of the Danielson Framework through viewing of training videos and completion of a proficiency test. The Cc discussed the LPDC survey that was developed to provide feedback from the staff on the implementation of the Danielson Framework. There were 450 responses to the survey. The results were positive overall. It was noted that the district is far ahead of the State timeline for implementation since the NJDOE is only requiring districts to choose a framework by November of the coming school year.

The CC supports the purchase of Teachscape.

V. (*) Grants

June 26, 2012 agenda:

To amend the “No Child Left Behind” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA) for the Fiscal Year 2012, originally submitted on September 13, 2011, to \$485,296 to include prior year carryover as follows:

Title I Total	\$ 279,711
Title II Part A	\$ 138,183
Title III	\$ 67,403

The CC supports the submission of the amendment of the NCLB grant. Title I is for struggling learners, Title II is for Professional Development, Title III is for English Language Learners.

VI. (●) District Goals 2012-2013

The CC discussed the district goals for 2012-13.

Goal 1 - What is our overall communication strategy? How do we want to communicate with all of the stakeholders? There was support for a broader look at communications than just the web-site. A suggest goal was to **Enhance communications in the district as supported by technologies and structures.**

Goal 2 – The CC discussed the need for the demographic study. It will provide the district with the projections for the numbers of students in the district for the next 5 - 10 years. The study will happen over the next 4 months. Updates will be provided to A & F.

Goal 3 - Need a measurable indicator for Task B. It was suggested to combine A & B in the measurable indicators section.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, August 6, 2012 10:00am

The CC went into Closed Session to discuss confidential matters.

Future Topics

Professional Development

Field Trip Approvals

Special Services Program Review Presentation

Additional topics proposed for future meetings

Option II

Summer Assignments

Supply Lists

Infinite Campus