



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Central Office Conference Room  
November 5, 2012 11:00 AM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Chair – Richard Kaye  
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz – absent  
Dana Krug  
Michelle Kaish

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
Victoria Kniewel

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) State Testing Report**

As approved in New Jersey's *Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)* Flexibility Waiver Application, the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is transitioning to a new accountability system that provides a changed analysis of student achievement and ways of reporting this. One component of this system is the calculation of Annual Progress Targets, which are indicators to measure schools' progress toward meeting the State proficiency benchmark of 90%. The Curriculum Committee reviewed the new progress targets for each school in language arts and mathematics. In summary, the district met 82 of the 88 progress targets. The district is identifying areas for future growth and assessments that will help inform needed instructional interventions. The State Testing Report will be presented at the Nov 13 Board meeting.

**II. (●) Program Review Updates**

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the completed template from the Mathematics Program Review. The major recommendation from this review was to re-align the K-8 math curriculum to prepare 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for Algebra I. The re-designed program was completed for implementation in the 2010-11 school year. Currently this is being monitored to ensure success for all students.

**III. (●) Technology – 8<sup>th</sup> grade email accounts**

The Curriculum Committee discussed creating email accounts for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students to allow them to more easily access and utilize Google Docs in their classes. The accounts would be restricted for in-district use only. The Committee supports this action.

**IV. (●) Program of Studies**

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the recommended changes in pre-requisites for TV Production and Biology Honors. In addition, the Committee reviewed data related to ninth grade world history. The Committee supports working to develop a world history honors class for implementation in the 2014-15 school year.

**V. (\*) 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, 2012, to November 30, 2013, in the amount of \$125,891.45, based upon enrollment. [There is no change in the per-student subscription cost.]

The Committee supports renewal of the annual subscription.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 4, 2012 11:00am**

Future Topics

Professional Development  
Field Trip Approvals  
Program Review Updates