



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
High School South Media Center Conference Room
December 4, 2012 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

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

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
Victoria Kniewel

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (*) 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 Board approved placement criteria are now included as well as some minor edits to the Special Education section. The Curriculum Committee supports approval of the 2013-14 High School Program of Studies.

II. (*) Performance Matters Licensing

To recommend approval to purchase Performance Matters Scan Engine Licensing and imaging processing for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2013 at a cost of \$10,899.80.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the purchase.

III. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for High School South Peer Leaders to Pine Tree Environmental Camp in Burlington, New Jersey from February 26, 2013, to February 27, 2013 at a cost of approximately \$25 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trip.

IV. (*) Community Education Winter/Spring 2013 Classes and Trips

To recommend approval of the Community Education Winter/Spring 2013 course Listing (attached).

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the courses and trips.

V. (●) Principal Evaluation Instrument

The State of New Jersey extended the deadline to February 2013 for adopting an official Principal Evaluation Instrument for the district. The Curriculum Committee discussed the evaluation instrument selection process and will make a recommendation in January.

VI. (●) ETS Educational Research ESL Study

The Superintendent supports the proposed research project by ETS for 3rd – 5th grade English Language Learners to investigate a prototype of a game-like assessment scenario to measure English language skills.

VII. (●) CKT-E Research Project

The Superintendent supports the proposed research project on content knowledge for teaching in physics. A consortium of research institutions (Rutgers University – Graduate School of Education, Seattle Pacific University and University of Maine (Physics Departments), Educational Testing Service, Facet Innovations, and Horizon Research) will work with one a physics teacher.

VIII. (●) Program Review Update – World Languages

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the implementation of program recommendations in World Languages. The major recommendation was to align courses to proficiency levels and articulate the program through these. At this point, that work has been completed. Most of the recommendations that were rejected were related to changing the schedules at the elementary and middle school level.

IX. (●) PSAT Discussion

The Curriculum Committee began a discussion of having all students in 10th & 11th grade take the PSAT during the school day at district expense. The cost of this would be approximately \$20,000. If all students were to take the PSATs, the district would have additional data for every student that could be leveraged for placement decisions, especially opening access to Advanced Placement through the use of AP Potential.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 7, 2013

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Professional Development