



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Grover MS Main Office Conference Room  
March 4, 2013 11:00 AM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Chair – Richard Kaye  
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz - absent  
Dana Krug  
Michele Kaish

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
Victoria Kniewel

**Guests:**

Denise Mengani

**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

- I. **(●) Language Arts Program Review Internal Report** – Denise Mengani  
Denise Mengani reviewed the findings of the Internal Report Language Arts Program Review along with the Executive Summary and Final Recommendations and answered questions related to these recommendations.
  
- II. **(●) Westminster Choir College Student Research Proposal**  
Ryan John, Master of Arts in Teaching student at Rider University's Westminster College, is seeking permission to conduct his research study, "The Impact of Participation in a Musical Theater Production and the Personal Development of High School Students," at West Windsor - Plainsboro High School South during the spring of 2013. His research involves interviewing 3-5 student volunteers, for approximately 20 minutes each, who participated in various roles of the production of the spring musical. He would also interview the music director, stage director, and choreographer.  
The Superintendent supports the proposed study.
  
- III. **(●) Professional Development Updates**  
Professional Development Day – Survey results  
The survey results showed that the results were overwhelmingly positive with around 90% of participants rating the day as productive and beneficial to the work they do in the district. All of the sessions supported the district work as related to the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Competencies, The Danielson Framework and common assessments.
  
- IV. **(\*) District Progress Targets & School Action Plans**  
To recommend approval of the 2012-2013 Progress Targets Action Plans.  
The Curriculum Committee reviewed the action plans and recommends approval.
  
- V. **(\*) Textbook Adoption**  
To recommend adoption of Stats in your World 2012, by David Bock and Thomas Mariano, for the high school course Statistics. Cost of the purchase is approximately \$216 per text and \$29,500 total.  
The Curriculum Committee recommends approval. The purchase price includes electronic access to the text for the next 6 years.

**VI. (\*) CONNECT-ED**

To approve the continuation of our partnership with Rider University's CONNECT-ED Consortium Program Phase III Initiative, which is dedicated to providing teacher professional development in science and mathematics. The partnership includes:

- a) Entering into a Memorandum of Understanding pertaining to Year Two, January 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013, of a two-year commitment. Year One was approved on February 28, 2012.
- b) Accepting the 2013 Second Year Professional Learning Community (PLC) grant in the amount of \$6,139.32 to support the Phase III Initiative, paid through the Rider University Connect-Ed Consortium Phase III agreement.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval.

**VII. (\*) Grant submission – revised NCLB**

To recommend approval to submit the revised entitlement grant of \$510,038 for the Fiscal Year 2013 “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), originally submitted on xxxx, to include prior year carryover as follows:

Title I	\$308,157
Title II Part A	\$128,445
Title III	\$ 73,436

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval.

**VIII. (\*) Professional Development Travel Approval**

To recommend approval for approximately 28 teachers to attend a free professional development workshop at Teachers College at Columbia University on Saturday, March 9, 2013 at a cost not to exceed \$500 for bus transportation to and from New York City, as approved by the Executive County Superintendent.

To recommend approval for up to ten teachers to attend the Quest & Connect-Ed Summer Institute or the Quest 2013 Scholars Program offered through Princeton University TeacherPrep, Rider University, and the Science Education and Literacy Center (SELECT), at a total cost not to exceed \$2,500, including supplies and materials.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval.

**IX. (\*) Professional Development**

To recommend approval for IDE to provide 2 additional days of professional development during the month of March 2013 for up to 20 new teachers each day at a cost of \$1,640 per day for a total of \$3,280. [Paid through 2013 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.].

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, April 8, 2013

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

World Language Survey Results

Technology Plan

Summer Assignments