



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office
July 15, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Dana Krug
Michele Kaish

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Update on Seventh Grade Math Tutorial for Honors

Twenty-six students at GMS and thirteen students at CMS participated in the tutorial sessions and took the test for honors placement. Three students from GMS and one student from CMS qualified for honors. The curricula differences between the 7th grade regular and honors are being looked at to develop stronger alignment between these 2 courses.

II. (●) Collaborative Planning with Student Teachers Research Project

The researcher proposes to study ways in which teacher collaborative lesson planning shapes how pre-service teachers think about science education.
The Curriculum Committee supports the proposed research study.

III. (*) Pilot Course for 5th Grade Social Studies and Pilot Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the 5th grade Social Studies pilot course *Living in a Global Community: National Geographic Global Issues Series 12* book sets @7.50 per book. Cost per student = \$90.00 x 200 students = \$18,000 for the pilot program books, plus shipping for a total of \$19,800.
The Curriculum Committee supports the adoption of the textbook.

IV. (*) Grants

- To recommend approval of the fourth year and fifth year mentor agreements and grant extensions from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2014 for the “Personalized Student Learning Plan (PSLP) Pilot Program” from the State of New Jersey Department of Education in the amounts of \$7,500 for year four and \$6,000 for year five.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the mentor agreements and grant extensions.

- To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from April 17, 2013, to February 28, 2014 [funded by the StarTalk grant]:
 - Roseanne Zeppieri – Lead Instructor
 - Fizzah Sohail – Junior Assistant

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the consultants.

V. (*) Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips:

- High School South Red Cross Club to Okemo, Vermont, from December 13, 2013, to December 15, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$325 per student.

- High School South Orchestra to the Gettysburg Address 150th Anniversary Event in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, from November 14, 2013, to November 16, 2013. The cost of the trip is approximately \$320 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, August 2, 2012 11:00am

Future Topics

Professional Development

Field Trip Approvals

Special Services Program Review Update