



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room
December 2, 2013 11:00 AM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

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

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Donna Gibbs-Nini
Melissa Levine

Sherry Sizemore

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Field Trip forms updates

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the work of the two high schools to develop common procedures and forms for field trips. The Committee discussed issues related to parental chaperones and the district's insurance liability. The two high schools will continue to work to develop consistent procedures guiding field trips.

II. (●) World Languages offerings

The Curriculum Committee continued the discussion of what languages the district offers and at what grade level these start. As a follow-up to the Curriculum Committee meeting on this topic held in April, the district will allow 5th grade students to indicate their top three choices for what language they would like to study in middle school. The language choices will be Chinese, French, German, Hindi, and Spanish. Following district policy for all middle school study, students who are native speakers of the language will not be allowed to study the language in middle school. Any language that is offered in the middle school will need to have sufficient enrollment to sustain the program. There will be a meeting held in January for rising 6th grade parents to inform them of the choices. During this meeting, parents will be informed of the sequences of languages and how these articulate into the high school program. The start of the study of Chinese will be moved to the 6th grade so that all language choice starts in 6th grade.

III. (●) State Testing Report

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the results of the Annual Progress Targets reports recently released by the NJDOE. A formal presentation of these results will be presented at the December 17, 2013 Board meeting.

IV. (*) Curriculum Updates

To recommend approval of the following curricula that have been developed to align with the New Jersey Core Content Standards and Common Core Standards.

- **TV Production (Grades 9-12)**
- **General and Vocal Music (Grades K-12)**
- **Orchestra (Grades K-12)**
- **Band (Grades K-12)**
- **AP Spanish Language and Culture (Grades 9-12)**
- **Chinese 4 Honors and 5 Honors; Curriculum A (Grades 9-12)**

- **French 1 (Grades 9-12)**
- **French 3 (Grades 9-12)**
- **Introduction to Spanish Communication and Culture**
- **Spanish Language and Cultural Study (Grades 9-12)**
- **Social Studies (Grades 2 & 3)**
- **Biology Honors (Grades 9-12)**
- **Math (Grades K-7)**

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curricula.

V. (*) 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 Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the High School Program of Study.

VI. (*) Overnight Field Trips

- To recommend approval for High School South Peer Leaders to Pine Tree Environmental Camp in Burlington, New Jersey from February 24, 2014, to February 25, 2014 at a cost of approximately \$30 per student.
- To recommend approval for High School North Softball Team to Cherry Hill, New Jersey from March 28, 2014, to March 30, 2014 at a cost of approximately \$400 per student.
- To recommend approval for High School South Concert Choirs to Latvia, Estonia, and Finland from April 6, 2015, to April 14, 2015 at a cost of approximately \$2,425 per student.
- To recommend approval for Grover Middle School and Community Middle School German Students to Washington, D.C. from April 25, 2014, to April 26, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$250 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the proposed field trips.

VII. (*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2014 Classes and Trips

To recommend approval of the Community Education Winter/Spring 2014 Adult & Youth programs, Winter/Spring 2014 Afterschool Enrichment programs, and the 2014 Summer programs (attached).

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the Community Education proposed programs.

VIII. (*) Technology

To recommend approval of an agreement with Intrafinity to provide SharpSchool Web Hosting Services for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$5,238.00.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the agreement.

IX. (*) Grant Acceptance

To accept additional Investing in Innovation (i3) grant funds of \$294.87 from Flemington-Raritan School District to be used for expenses related to new Reading Recovery teachers attending Reading Recovery training for the 2013-2014 school year.

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the grant funds.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, January 13, 2014

Future Topics

Summer Assignments

Program Review Updates

Professional Development