



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
April 8, 2014 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Summer Reading Lists

The Committee began to review the required 2014 Language Arts Summer Reading lists for middle and high school students. The Committee looked at the work of the 9th and 10th grade teachers. There is one reading list for both Honors and College Prep level classes. The assessment of the summer reading will have a consistent weighting of 5% in the first marking period. The complete lists will be posted on the district web site for the May 20, 2014 board meeting.

II. (●) Research Proposal

Jill Patterson proposes to study how to promote gender equality in science education by examining lesson components and how these contribute to girls' motivational attributes. The Curriculum Committee supports this research.

III. (*) Cable TV Interlocal Services

1. To authorize the second-year of a five-year Shared Services Agreement between West Windsor Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.
2. To authorize the second year of a five-year Interlocal Services Agreement between Plainsboro Township and the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District for cable television originally approved May 14, 2013.

The Curriculum Committee approves of this authorization. The Committee discussed the types of programming and how often these are viewed by the community.

IV. (*) Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following teacher travel:

To support 3 advisors to accompany the Middle School and High School students to the Future Problem Solvers National Competition at the University of Iowa in Ames, Iowa, from June 12, 2014 to June 15, 2014. The cost of the trip is not to exceed \$1,200 per teacher.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of this travel.

V. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- Community Middle School Science Olympiad to attend the National Competition at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, from May 14, 2014 through May 18, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

- High School South Science Olympiad to attend the National Competition at the University of Central Florida, Orlando, Florida, from May 16, 2014, to May 18, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$900 per student.
- Middle School and High School students to attend the Future Problem Solvers National Competition at the University of Iowa in Ames, Iowa, from June 12, 2014 to June 15, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,150 per student.
- Middle School and High School students to National History Day at the University of Maryland in College Park, Maryland, from June 15, 2014 to June 19, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student.
- High School South Cheerleading Squad to UCA Cheer Camp, Monmouth University, New Jersey, from July 11, 2014, to July 13, 2014. The cost of the trip is approximately \$290 per student.

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of these field trips.

The Committee discussed the creation of a teacher resource specialist position for reading intervention at the K-2 level that will help teachers to identify and work with students with dyslexia.

Next Meeting Date: May 13, 2014

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Summer Assignments