



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Superintendent's Office Conference Room
June 11, 2014 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Chair – Richard Kaye
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

Melissa Levine
Donna Gibbs-Nini

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Overnight Field Trip Discussion

The Curriculum Committee discussed the procedures and parameters regarding field trips. The number of overnight trips, the cost of the trips, the amount of time impacted instructionally were all discussed. Each high school administration reviews trips for appropriateness; its relation to curricular and/or co-curricular activities. Administration expressed its concerns about the cost of the trips. The administration let the Committee know that students are able to fund raise and that there are funds available to underwrite costs for students who are determined economically needy. The Committee stated the need to have trip proposals come forward to the Board for approval prior to being presented to students.

II. (●) Research Projects:

- Reynolds - New Teacher Induction Research Proposal
- Percy – Just War Doctrine Research Proposal
- Mgenuity Corporation – National Science Foundation ScienceBrainius software R&D

The Curriculum Committee discussed the three proposed research projects and supports allowing the Reynolds and Percy studies to happen. The Reynolds project connects to our staff induction program already in place. The Committee requested that the Percy study survey students in both buildings. The Committee asked to find out if the Mgenuity study would be voluntary and if it could occur during middle school students FLEX period. This study will be discussed again once Mgenuity finds out if they receive the grant and will actually conduct the study.

III. (*) Donations

To accept a monetary donation from the Maurice Hawk Elementary School PTA in the amount of \$4,580 for the purchase of iPads for Maurice Hawk classrooms.

The Curriculum Committee supports acceptance of the monetary donation.

IV. (*) Grants

To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from June 22, 2014, to February 28, 2015 [funded by the StarTalk grant]: Talia Khan, Hajrah Butt, – Junior Teaching Assistants

The Curriculum Committee supports approval of the consultants.

V. (*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- District membership in Teachers as Scholars at Princeton University for the 2014-2015 school year at a cost of \$2,000. Membership includes admission to seven Teachers as Scholars seminars and one Administrators as Scholars seminar.

- Travel expenses for one World Language teachers approved to attend AP Spanish Literature and Culture Institute at Fordham University, New York City, from July 14, 2014, through July 18, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$850.
- One World Language teacher to attend AP Chinese workshops at the AP Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from July 11, 2014, through July 12, 2014, at a cost not to exceed \$430, plus mileage.
- One administrator to attend the institute on the Teaching of Writing, from Monday, June 23, 2014, through Friday June 27, 2014, at Columbia University, New York City, at a cost of \$750, plus travel.

The Curriculum Committee supports approval of the professional development.

As a follow up to last month's CC meeting, the Committee discussed following up with students in athletics and extra curricular to ensure that these students receive support for their academics.

Next Meeting Date: July 1, 2014

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

2014-15 Field Trip Approvals