



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Superintendent's Office  
December 2, 2014 5:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Chair – Richard Kaye  
Rachelle Feldman Hurwitz  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) K-5 Report Card Update**

The CC discussed changing from a four marking period system in grades K-5 to a trimester system. Currently while grades are only written in during marking periods 2-4, the report card shows 4 marking periods. A trimester will allow for more time to adequately assess student learning. With a move to a trimester system, the November parent conferences will be moved to October. This will allow for a face-to-face meeting for parents with the teacher closer to the start of the school year.

**II. (\*) District Progress Targets & School Action Plans**

To recommend approval of the 2014-2015 Progress Targets Action Plans.  
The CC reviewed the Progress Target Action Plans. This is the last year that NJASK & HSPA data will be available so it is not possible to set targets for next year based on this data. With the transition to PARCC new benchmarks and targets will be established with the release of that data next school year. The focus of the plans is on preparing for the transition to PARCC. For the AMAO action plan the CC recommend changing to a measurable goal.  
The CC recommends approval of these plans.

**III. (\*) HS Program of Studies**

To recommend approval of the 2015-2016 High School Program of Studies. [Copies will be available on the district web site.]  
The CC discussed the proposed changes to the 15-16 POS. There were four students and two parents present at the meeting. The Cc listened to their concerns about option ii and independent study. The CC informed them of techniques they could use to achieve their objectives with the new option ii framework. The only substantive change from the Nov draft was the elimination of the Honors designation from the Principles of Engineering course. This was done because it is an introductory class and so that it would not be the only elective class in that content area that had an honors designation. Martin Smith will make a formal presentation of the proposed changes at the Dec 9 Board meeting.  
The CC recommends approval of the 15-16 high school POS.

**IV. (\*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2015 Programs**

To recommend approval of the Community Education Spring and Summer 2015 Youth and Afterschool Enrichment programs (attached).  
The CC recommends approval of the Community Education programs.

**V. (\* Grants – Investing in Innovation Grant (i3)**

To revise the amount of the Investing in Innovation (i3) grant funds received from Flemington-Raritan School District to \$1,580.79 [originally accepted October 21, 2014]. I3 funds are used for expenses related to the new Reading Recovery teacher attending Reading Recovery training for the 2014-2015 school year.

The CC reviewed the revised amount and recommends its acceptance.

**VI. (\* Overnight Field Trips**

- 1) Grover Middle School and Community Middle School German Students to Washington, D.C., from April 24, 2015, to April 25, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the trip.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Professional Development