



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Superintendent's Office Conference Room  
June 1, 2015 6:30 PM

**AGENDA**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Dr. Joan Ruddiman

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) G&T Program Review**

The CC reviewed both the External and the Internal reports of the G&T Program Review. These will be posted on the district web-site under the Gifted & Talented tab. For the purpose of analysis and the discussion of findings, the gifted program was divided into 5 key areas: Program Design, Curriculum and Instruction, Affective Needs, Professional Development, and Program Effectiveness. Some key recommendations include the need for professional development regarding the use of clustering students to effectively deliver services, additional staff to provide services at the K-5 levels, review of the math sequence to best provide a rigorous program for all students, and increased communication and development of understanding of GT related issues for parents and staff. There will be a public presentation at the September 8<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

**II. (●) New Teacher Induction – June 19 & 22, 2015**

There will be two days of professional development for first year teachers with a focus on reflecting on this past school year and setting goals for year two.

**III. (●) Teacher Evaluation Processes**

The CC reviewed the processes for teacher observation and evaluation. A review of the mandates of AchieveNJ as well as the Danielson Framework for Professional Practice were discussed.

**IV. (●) Merit Goal Review for M. Smith**

The CC reviewed the data supporting the attainment of the merit goal for the Asst. Superintendent related to the implementation of an ongoing, comprehensive, and job-embedded training system designed to support new administrators as they conduct classroom observation and classroom walk-throughs, and as they successfully complete Teachscape's Proficiency Assessment. The CC recommends that the Board approve the submission of this goal to the County Superintendent.

**V. (\*) Fine & Performing Arts Program Review Vendor Selection**

To recommend approval of New Jersey Arts Education Partnership, to serve as the external consultant to the Fine & Performing Arts program review at a cost of \$10,000, plus \$125 per hour for any work added beyond the scope of the original proposal.

The CC recommends approval of the vendor.

**VI. (\*) Professional Development - Consultants**

- To recommend approval for Jennifer W. Lempp to provide a one-day on-site training workshop for K-5 teachers of mathematics entitled "Math Workshop Model" in July 2015, at a cost of \$3,000.

- To recommend approval for Trevor Bryan to provide a half-day on-site training workshop for Language Arts teachers entitled “The Art of Comprehension” on August 20, 2015, at a cost of \$450.

The CC recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

## **VII. (\*) Grants**

To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from June 22, 2015, to February 28, 2016 [funded by the StarTalk grant]: Instructors: Rashmi Sudhir, Milind Ranade, Humaira Rahman, Farzana Haqqi, Nabeela Farooqi, Dolly Chaterjee. Teaching Assistants: Shanti Jain, Sangeeta Jain, Razia Hassa, and Sabiha Ahmed.

The CC recommends approval of the consultants.

## **VIII. (\*) Professional Development Travel Approval**

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- The addition of \$925 for one district administrator to attend Harvard University Graduate School of Education’s Future of Learning summer institute In Cambridge, Massachusetts, from July 27, 2015 to July 31, 2015.
- One technology teacher to attend AP Computer Science A at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, from June 29, 2015 through July 3, 2015, at a cost not to exceed \$1,025.

The CC recommends approval of the PD travel.

## **IX. (\*) Overnight Field Trips**

To recommend approval for the following overnight field trips

- High School South Marching Band to YMCA Fairview Lakes Band Camp, Newton, New Jersey, from August 16, 2015, through August 19, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.
- High School North Cheerleading Squad to Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp, Greely, Pennsylvania, from August 16, 2015, to August 19, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: July 07, 2015

Future Topics

Program Reviews

Teacher Evaluation Update

2015-16 Field Trip Approvals