



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Central Office Conference Room
August 18, 2015 5:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Isaac Cheng
Scott Powell

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) AP Results Review

Ninety three percent of students at both high schools achieved a score of 3 or higher on the May administration of AP exams. HSN administered a total of 1151 exams and HSS administered a total of 1121 exams. Despite exam redesigns in both Physics and U.s History this past school year, the results for the district were strong and far exceeded National averages.

II. (●) 2014-15 Evaluation Data Review

A review of the data submitted to the State on the second year implementation of the teacher evaluation system showed that for teachers who received a Summative Rating (Teacher Practice & SGOs (does not include mSGP teachers); 0% were rated Ineffective, 0% were rated Partially Effective, 12% were rated Effective, and 88% were rated Highly Effective.

III. (*) Professional Development

- To recommend approval for Alice Hammel to provide trainings sessions for music teachers at the February 8, 2016 district professional development day at a cost of \$1,200.
- To recommend approval to enter into a NGSS District Partnership Program with Raritan Valley Community College Science Education Institute for Next Generation Science Standards professional development and sharing at a cost of \$4,750. \$2,000 will be offset through the support of the NJ Space Grant Foundation. The district will be responsible for a \$1,000 payment to Raritan Valley Community College and a \$1,750 payment direct to the professional development consultant, Stacey van der Veen.
- To recommend approval for the district's participation in the NGSS Lesson Development Project at Rider SELECT for the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$250.
- To recommend approval to reimburse 3 teachers and one administrator for mileage related to attendance at four (4) Rider SELECT NGSS Lesson Development Project events during the 2015-2016 school year.
- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network training through Columbia University at a cost of approximately \$87,500. [The 2015-2016 contract covers consultant days and travel expenses, which will be paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

- To recommend approval for the Reading and Writing Project Network to provide 2015-2016 professional development services for administrators, according to state-mandated professional growth plans, at a cost not to exceed \$8,850. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend approval for the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to supply 90 tickets for the attendance by teachers and administrators to professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$4,500. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]
- To recommend Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to provide professional development and technical support for 6 lead teachers during the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of \$750 per teacher and \$4,500 total. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

UPDATE: There will be no charge for the K-5 lead teacher group for 2015-2016.

- To recommend approval for travel for teachers and administrators to attend the Teachers College Reading and Writing Project professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2015-2016 school year, at a cost of approximately \$50 per trip. [Paid through 2016 No Child Left Behind Title II grant funds.]

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of these professional development opportunities.

IV. (*) Curriculum Revisions

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:

1. Language Arts IV College Prep - revised
2. Language Arts IV Honors - revised

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the curricula.

V. (*) Grants

To recommend acceptance of the entitlement grant of \$560,684 for the “No Child Left Behind Act” Consolidated formula sub-grant from the State of New Jersey (formerly the IASA), for the Fiscal Year 2016. (May appear on a future agenda and amounts may change slightly with final approval).

Title I Part A	\$284,299
Title II Part A	\$106,075
Title III	\$ 55,615
Title III Immigrant	\$114,695

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the grant.

VI. (*) Nonpublic Technology Aid

To accept 2015-2016 Nonpublic Technology Aid from the State of New Jersey, Department of Education, Division of Finance, for use in compliance with the New Jersey Nonpublic School Technology Initiative Program, as follows:

American Boychoir School, The	\$ 598.00
Childrens House of the Windsors	\$ 442.00
French American School of Princeton	\$3,458.00
Harmony School at Princeton	\$ 390.00
Montessori Corner at Princeton Meadows	\$ 390.00
Montessori Country Day	\$1,170.00

The Curriculum Committee recommends acceptance of the aide.

To approve expenditures for the FY 2016 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Harmony School at Princeton \$ 758.00

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the expenditures.

VII. (*) Community Education Programs

To recommend approval of the listing of Community Education Fall 2015 Adult, Youth, and Afterschool Enrichment programs

The Curriculum Committee recommends approval of the courses.

Next Meeting Date: September 21, 2015 – 7:30 pm

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Program Review Updates