



**West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education**  
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting  
Grover Main Office Conference Room  
September 21, 2015 7:30 PM

**SUMMARY NOTES**

**BOE Attendance:**

Dana Krug – Chair  
Isaac Cheng  
Scott Powell

**Administrative Liaison:**

Martin Smith  
David Aderhold

**Guests:**

Lee McDonald

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**DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (\*)**

**I. (●) Home Instruction On-line Pilot Program**

Mr. McDonald presented a pilot program to provide some home instruction via Google Hangout. Given the challenges of not enough home instructors, the delay in beginning home instruction and coordination of scheduling home instruction, the district will investigate the use of Google Hangout to see if it helps eliminate these challenges. The costs for providing the home instruction remain the same with a minimal investment in training teachers to use the system.

**II. (●) Review of Option ii Data**

The CC reviewed the data from this past summer's Option ii in comparison with Summer 2014. In 2014, for the courses compared, there were 672 enrollments with a passing rate of 30%. In the summer of 2015, there were 402 enrollments with a passing rate of 62%. By placing procedures in place for Option ii course taking, the Board has allowed more students to find success through this process.

**III. (\*) Curriculum Revisions**

To recommend approval of the following new and revised curricula:

1. Music Grade 3 - revised
2. Music Grade 4 - revised
3. Music Grade 5 - revised
4. Chorus Grade 3 - revised
5. Chorus Grade 4 - revised
6. Chorus Grade 5 – revised
7. Computer Art & Design I – revised
8. Computer Art & Design II - revised
9. Chinese 3 - revised
10. German 3 – revised
11. Geometry – revised
12. Geometry Honors – revised
13. Social Studies Grade 3 – revised
14. Digital Literacy – revised
15. Financial Literacy - new

- 16. Principles of Engineering – new
- 17. STEM Grade 8 - new

The CC recommends approval of the curricula.

#### **IV. (\*) Professional Development**

To recommend entering into a contract with Flemington-Raritan School District and New York University Reading Recovery to provide 2015-2016 Reading Recovery professional development and technical support for ten (10) reading recovery teachers at a cost of approximately \$9,500 plus travel.

To recommend approval for Montgomery Center for Research in Child & Adolescent Development (MCRCAD) to provide a full-day of training for staff members and parents during the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$5,250.

To recommend approval for IDE to provide non-tenured teacher training at various dates throughout the 2015-2016 school year at a cost of \$10,005.

The CC recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

#### **V. (\*) Travel**

To recommend authorization for the two program directors and one lead instructor for the STARTALK Hindi/Urdu Immersion Camp to attend the 2015 Post-Program Network for Program Excellence meeting in Orlando, Florida from October 2015 (actual date and location to be determined) at a cost not to exceed \$1,500 per person [paid through the STARTALK Hindi/Urdu Grant]. This is the wrap-up and debrief meeting for project directors and faculty from STARTALK 2015 programs.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

#### **VI. (\*) Field Trips**

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

##### Middle Schools

- a. Community Middle School and Grover Middle School German Classes to Washington, D.C., from April 29, 2016, to April 30, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.
- b. Grover Middle School Choir Students to the Music Festival, Williamsburg, Virginia, from May 6, 2016, to May 8, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.

##### High School North

- c. Model Congress to Washington, D.C., from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$450 per student.
- d. Model United Nations to Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.

- e. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 21, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- f. Model Congress to Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$350 per student.
- g. Model United Nations to the Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- h. Science Olympiad to Massachusetts Institute for Technology (MIT), Cambridge, Massachusetts, from January 23, 2015, to January 24, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- i. Model United Nations to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 28, 2016, to January 31, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- j. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from February 11, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- k. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 19, 2016, to February 21, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- l. Robotics Team to Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, from February 26, 2016, to February 28, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$500 per student.
- m. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 3, 2016, to March 7, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,280 per student.
- n. Robotics Team to Mount Olive High School, Flanders, New Jersey, from March 5, 2016, to March 6, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$275 per student.
- o. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 15, 2016, to March 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- p. Robotics Team to Rensselaer, New York, from March 17, 2016, to March 19, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- q. Model Congress to the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from March 31, 2016, to April 3, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- r. Robotics Team to Lehigh University, Lehigh, Pennsylvania, from April 14, 2016, to April 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.
- s. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 14, 2016, to April 16, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.

- t. Robotics Team to the First Robotics Championships in St. Louis, Missouri, from April 27, 2016, to April 30, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student.
- u. Science Olympiad to the University of Wisconsin, Stout Menomonie, Wisconsin, from May 19, 2016, to May 21, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.

#### High School South

- v. Junior Statesmen of America to Woodbridge, New Jersey, from November 14, 2015, to November 15, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.
- w. Model United Nations to Princeton University MUN Conference, Princeton, New Jersey, from November 19, 2015, to November 22, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- x. Model United Nations to Rutgers University MUN Conference, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from December 3, 2015, to December 6, 2015. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- y. Model United Nations to University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, from January 28, 2016, to January 31, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$375 per student.
- z. Model United Nations to Georgetown University, Washington, D.C., from February 11, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- aa. Junior Statesmen of America to Washington, D.C., from February 12, 2016, to February 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.
- bb. Washington Seminar to Washington, D.C., from March 8, 2016, to March 12, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$775 per student.
- cc. Senior Class Trip to Disney World, Orlando, Florida, from March 10, 2016, to March 14, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,280 per student.
- dd. Model United Nations to George Washington University, Washington, D.C., from March 28, 2016, to April 1, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$425 per student.
- ee. Model United Nations to Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, from April 14, 2016, to April 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$385 per student.
- ff. Junior Statesmen of America to Parsippany, New Jersey, from April 16, 2016, to April 17, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$150 per student.

#### Athletics

gg. High School North Cheerleaders to UCA National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida, from February 4, 2016 to February 8, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$975 per student.

hh. High School North Spring Track & Field to NJSIAA Group State Meet in Egg Harbor, New Jersey from June 3, 2016, to June 4, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$100 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

**Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2015 6:30pm**

Future Topics

G&T Program Review

Program of Studies