

West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education

Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Central Office Conference Room November 10, 2015 6:30 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance: Dana Krug – Chair Administrative Liaison: Martin Smith

David Aderhold

<u>Guests:</u> Dr. Andrea Knorr – graduate student & HSN teacher

Isaac Cheng Scott Powell

DISCUSSION (•) / DECISION (*)

I. (•) Program of Studies

The CC reviewed the proposed changes to the high school 2016-17 Program of Studies. The proposed changes include the following:

ART:

• Art Studio I & II, Ceramics/Sculpture, Printmaking/Printmaking II, Computer Art & Design will be combined into full year courses

BUSINESS/COMPUTER SCIENCE/ENGINEERING:

- Update Accounting I course description
- Delete Accounting II and III, replace with Marketing Course
- Add Engineering: Architecture Design & Fabrication
- Add AP Computer Science Principles
- Intro to Computer Programming & Mobile App Design has been redesigned, renamed

MATH:

- Multivariable Calculus Honors has been renamed, "& Accelerated" has been dropped
- Course description for Pre-Calculus Honors & Accelerated has been updated

MUSIC:

• Renamed band, orchestra and choir to clearly delineate the three levels of course offerings

SCIENCE:

- Course descriptions in Biology, Biology Honors, Environmental, Chemistry, Chemistry Honors, Conceptual Physics, Physics, Honors Physics, Advanced Topics in Physics have been updated
- Chemistry and Chemistry Honors pre-requisites have been updated to include Biology or Biology Honors

SOCIAL STUDIES:

- Add AP Psychology
- AP Government & Politics has been split into two courses: AP American Government and AP Comparative Government & Global Studies

WORLD LANGUAGE:

• Delete Latin IV

- Delete Spanish for Heritage Speakers I & II
- Replace 85% course eligibility for all courses, replace with 80% to match all subject areas
- Potential renaming of Senior Option to "Senior Practicum & Internship," adding a 2.5 credit fall practicum course aligned to the spring internship

II. (•) A&E Math Program Action Plan

The CC discussed the proposed Board resolution for first reading at the November 17 meeting with a vote for the December 15 Board meeting. The Committee also discussed the feedback received from the community to date as well as issues related to the proposed action plan.

III. (*) NJ QSAC - Statement of Assurance

To recommend submission of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) Statement of Assurance for the 2015-2016 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:30-3.2(f).

The CC recommends submission of the Statement of Assurance for QSAC.

IV. (*) Professional Educational Services

To recommend approval for Camp Fire New Jersey to provide "Count On Me Kids" character education program for 2nd grade classes for 10 days during the 2015-2016 school year at a total district cost not to exceed \$5,000.

The CC recommends approval of the professional services.

V. (*) StarTalk Grant

To recommend the submission of the 2016 STARTALK grant application for Hindi/Urdu Summer Immersion Camp in the amount of approximately \$89,970. [WW-P will serve as lead agency.]

The CC recommends submission of the grant application.

VI. (*) Overnight Field Trips

Community Middle School

To recommend approval of an overnight field trip for Community Middle School Band and String Orchestra to Washington, D.C. for the 2016 National Festival of the States from June 3, 2016, to June 5, 2016. The cost of the trip is approximately \$500 per student. The CC recommends approval of the field trip.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, December 8, 2015 6:30pm

<u>Future Topics</u> Professional Development Program Review Updates