



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education

Board Curriculum Committee Meeting

Board Office Conference Room

August 31, 2016 7:00 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Anthony Fleres
Yingchao Zhang

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Fine & Performing Arts Internal Program Review

The CC reviewed the Internal Committee's report for the Fine and Performing Arts Program review. Many of the recommendations are related to staffing and budgetary concerns. The district anticipates that we will receive the External Report in September. Once received, the CC will review and a formal public presentation of both reports will be scheduled.

II. (●) 2015-16 NJSmart Evaluation Data Review

A review of the data submitted to the State for the 2015-16 school year on 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, 6% were rated Effective, and 94% were rated Highly Effective.

III. (*) Curriculum

To recommend approval of the following new curricula:

1. AP Psychology
2. AP Computer Science Principles
3. Architectural Design and Fabrication
4. Intro to Computer Programming & Mobile App/Game Design
5. Marketing
6. AP American Government
7. AP Comparative Government and Global Studies
8. K-5 Word Study
9. Math Grade 8

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:

1. Language Arts IV
2. Language Arts IV Honors
3. Geometry
4. Geometry Honors
5. Pre-Calculus Honors & Accelerated
6. Pre-K Media
7. Kindergarten Media
8. Grade 1 Media
9. Grade 6 Science
10. Grade 7 Science
11. Grade 8 Science

12. Biology
13. Biology Honors
14. Chemistry
15. Chemistry Honors
16. Physics
17. Physics Honors
18. Human Anatomy & Physiology
19. Descriptive Astronomy
20. Environmental Science
21. Forensic Sciences
22. Social Studies Grade 7
23. Preschool
24. STEM Elective - Grade 8
25. Financial Literacy
26. Principles of Engineering
27. Spanish Grade 4
28. Spanish Grade 5
29. German Grade 7
30. Spanish 4
31. Spanish 4 Honors
32. Honors Spanish Cultural Studies
33. Student Assistance Curriculum Grades 6-8

All new courses to be offered in the 16-17 school year had curricula written over the summer. Also, curricula related for K-5 word study was developed. Every 6-12 science course was revised to align to the Next Generation Science Standards, as per NJDOE requirements. LA IV, Geometry, Principles of Engineering, STEM & Financial Literacy were new last year, the teachers made adjustments to these based on a year's experience teaching these courses.

The CC recommends approval of all curriculum documents.

IV. (*) Professional Development Consultant

To recommend approval for Berit Gordon to provide four one-day workshops throughout the 2016-2017 school year to high school language arts teachers regarding engaging all readers in high level literacy work at a cost not to exceed \$1,600 per day.

The CC recommends approval of the consultant.

V. (*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the course Marketing: Pearson's Marketing: An Introduction, by Armstrong and Kotler. The cost of the purchase is approximately \$185.30 per text and \$15,950 total.

The CC recommends approval of the textbook.

VI. (*) Nonpublic Technology Aid

To accept 2016-2017 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:

Childrens House of the Windsors	\$ 874.00
French American School of Princeton	\$3,224.00
Montessori Corner at Princeton Meadows	\$ 333.00
Montessori Country Day	\$ 770.00

The CC recommends acceptance of the funds.

To approve expenditures for the FY 2017 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

French American School of Princeton	\$2,908.15
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The CC recommends approval of expenditures.

VI. (*) Proposed Future Meeting Dates:

November 2, 2016

December 5, 2016

January 18, 2017

Next Meeting Date: October 10, 2016 – 7:00 pm

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Program Review Updates