



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room
January 18, 2017 7:00 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug, chair
Tony Fleres
Yingchao Zhang

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Alternative Evaluation for Highly Effective Teachers

The CC discussed a small-scale pilot for the 2017-18 school year that would allow tenured teachers who are rated highly effective in the 16-17 school year the choice of engaging in one of two alternative evaluation models. One choice is the self-reflection model. With this option, the teacher chooses an area that they feel they would like to improve upon. Through the use of video/audio recording, the teacher and administrator will reflect on the identified area of focus. The other option is peer reflection. In this reflection model, colleagues collaborate with each other and an administrator to improve an identified area of practice. In both models, there will be a rubric to guide the discussions and ultimately determine the teacher practice score.

II. (●) Research Projects

- **Belmonte, Colleen, Rutgers University**
How Behavioral Support and Training Affects Teacher Morale, Job Satisfaction, and Feelings of Competency
- **Ifaturodi, Ayutunde (WW-P Alumnus), Yale University**
Cognitive and Metacognitive Development

The CC reviewed the Superintendent's recommendation to allow these research projects to take place within the district. All Institutional Review Board protocols will be followed.

III. (*) Curriculum

To recommend approval of the following revised curriculum:

- Speech and Drama

The CC recommends approval of this curriculum.

IV. (*) Professional Development Consultant

- To recommend approval for Berit Gordon to provide two additional 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.
- To recommend approval for Lifeforce USA, Inc. to provide the K-8 Physical Education teachers CPR/AED/First Aid/Lifeguard recertification on February 17, 2017 at a cost not to exceed \$60 per teacher.

The CC recommends approval of these professional development consultants.

V. (*) Community Education Spring/Summer 2017 Classes and Trips

To recommend approval of the Community Education Spring and Summer 2017 Youth programs.

The CC recommends approval of the classes and trips.

VI. (*) Middle School Program

To recommend approval for two (2) middle school students to attend a 12 week theatre program at the Middlesex County Arts Middle School, at a cost not to exceed \$875 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the tuition costs.

VII. (*) Disposal of Instructional Materials

To approve the disposal of the following obsolete items in accordance with R7300.1:

- 288 books from the High School South Media Center

All items meet one or more of the below criteria:

- i. Is so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools.

The CC recommends approval of the disposal of the materials.

VIII. (*) Overnight Field Trips

High School South

- a) To recommend approval for an international overnight field trip for High School South Choir to Costa Rica, from April 3, 2018, to April 10, 2018. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,500 per student.
- b) To recommend approval for an international overnight field trip for High School South Band and Orchestra to Germany and Austria, from February 15, 2018, to February 21, 2018. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2,514 per student.[Revised to include the High School South Orchestra]

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

- c) Robotics Team to Rockland Community College, Suffern, New York, from March 24, 2017, to March 26, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$175 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

IX. (●) Proposed Future Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 7

Tuesday, March 21

Tuesday, April 18

Monday, May 15

Tuesday, June 13

Tuesday, July 18

Tuesday, August 15

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesday, October 10

Tuesday, November 21

Monday, December 11

Tuesday, January 16, 2018

Future Topics

Program Review Updates

Dual Language Proposal