



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room
February 7, 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. (●) Grade 4 Math Program Redesign

The Curriculum Committee reviewed the work that has been undertaken to date on the redesign of the grade 4 math program. This included a review of the content of the Summer Math Institute, the work of the Teacher Resource Specialists for Math as well as the purchase of additional materials and resources. The Committee was also briefed on the preliminary discussions that have taken place as regards the establishment of new criteria for entrance to the accelerated sequence of math courses in the middle school.

II. (●) Dual Language Immersion Program

The Curriculum Committee reviewed a draft report outlining the research on dual language immersion programs and began to discuss the issues surrounding the possible offering of this program. The Committee discussed possible program models, language(s) and logistical issues related to costs.

III. (●) Research Projects

• **Feaster, Kevin, Kean University**

Physical Education Teachers Perspectives on the Use of Visual Aids in Physical Education for Students with Disabilities

• **Parry, James (Woodbridge Twp. Principal), Rutgers University**

How Teacher Evaluation Reform in New Jersey Has Impacted Principals' Ability to Enact Effective Leadership Tasks

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.

IV. (*) 2017 Summer Course

- To approve an on-line, district Financial Literacy course for summer 2017, at a cost of \$350 per student. Upon successful completion, students will receive 2.5 credits.
- To approve Apex Learning to provide an on-line platform to host the Financial Literacy Summer course at a cost of \$2200 for training and a registration cost not to exceed \$125 per student enrollment.

The CC recommends approval of the summer course as well as approving the vendor.

V. (*) Donation

To recommend the acceptance of the following donations:

- One (1) Yamaha Clavinova CLP-100 for use by the district from Amy Lawrence-Schaeffer, a music teacher within the community of West Windsor.

- One (1) 16” two-speed Dremel Scroll Saw to the Grover Middle School Scroll Saw Club from Brendan Delaney, a resident of Plainsboro and a parent of a former middle school student.

The CC recommends acceptance of the donations.

VI. (* Non-public Technology Expenditure

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2017 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Montessori Corner	\$ 245.09
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The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

VII. (* Disposal of Instructional Materials

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

- 187 books from the High School South Media Center

All items meet the below criteria:

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

The CC recommends approval of the disposal of the materials.

VIII. (* Professional Development Consultant

- To recommend approval for Edward Fergus to provide a one-day leadership workshop on August 15, 2017 to West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional, Princeton, and Hopewell School District Administration, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000 per district. West Windsor-Plainsboro School District will be hosting the workshop.

The CC recommends approval of this professional development consultant.

IX. (* Professional Development – Travel

To recommend approval for 1 administrator and 7 teachers to attend the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children (NJAGC) 26th Annual Conference at the Mercer County Community College on Friday, March 17, 2017, at a cost of \$204 per person plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval to attend the NJAGC.

X. (* Field Trips

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

High School North

- Model Congress to a Yale University Sponsored Program held at Columbia University in New York City, from March 9, 2017 to March 12, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$390 per student.
- Future Business Leaders of America to NJ FBLA State Leadership in Atlantic City, New Jersey, from March 15, 2017 to March 17, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$300 per student.

Athletics

- High School North Cheerleaders to UCA National Cheer Competition in Orlando, Florida, from February 9, 2017 to February 13, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$800 per student.[Approved retroactively]

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, March 21, 2017

Future Topics
Program Review Updates