



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

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Anthony Fleres
Yingchao Zhang

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) AP Results Review

A total of 2,528 AP Exams were administered in May; 1,186 exams at HSN and 1,342 exams at HSS. 45% of the exams were scored a 5, 29% were scored a 4 & 18% were scored a 3; 92% of exams administered got a passing score.

II. (●) Grade 8 IRLA Pilot Unit

The CC discussed the piloting of LGBTQ books into a unit in the 8th grade curriculum at GMS in the 17-18 school year. One teacher will pilot these books as part of a book club unit on social justice and then turn-key this to the other 8th grade teachers at GMS.

III. (●) Review of District Goal 4

The CC reviewed the final draft of the District Goal #4 that was developed and reviewed during the June Board Retreat. This goal focuses on the fiscal stability of the district. This will be posted on the district web-site once all Board Committees have reviewed them.

IV. (●) 2017-18 Merit Goals for the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents

The CC reviewed the Superintendent's and the Asst. Superintendent for C&I merit goals for the 2017-18 school year and recommends their submission to the County Office.

V. (●) District Professional Development

Administrative Retreat – August 14, 15, 16, 17, 2017

New Teacher Orientation – August 28, 29, 30, 31, 2017

Opening Day - September 5, 2017

The CC reviewed upcoming PD that will be happening this summer and at the start of the new school year.

VI. (*) Dual Language Immersion Program

- To recommend approval of the development of pilot dual language programs in Mandarin Chinese and Spanish to begin for Kindergarten students in September, 2018.

The CC discussed placing this item on the August 22 Board agenda for approval, with a formal presentation on dual language at that time.

VII. (*) Professional Development Consultants

- To recommend approval for Innovative Designs for Education (IDE) to provide six new teacher training sessions on learner-active, technology-infused classrooms during the 2017-2018 school year at a total cost of \$10,800.

- To recommend approval for Berit Gordon to provide six one-day workshops throughout the 2017-2018 school year to high school language arts teachers regarding engaging all readers in high level literacy work at a cost not to exceed \$1,700 per day.

The CC recommends approval of the PD consultants.

VIII. (*) ESEA Grant

To recommend submission of the entitlement grant of \$502,860 for the “Elementary and Secondary Education Act” (ESEA) grant from the State of New Jersey, for the Fiscal Year 2018.

Title I Part A	\$293,046
Title II Part A	\$137,963
Title III	\$61,258
Title III Immigrant	\$51,750
Title IV	\$10,000

The CC recommends submission of the grant.

IX. (*) Statement of Assurance for District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan

To recommend submission of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education’s District Professional Development Plan and District Mentoring Plan Statement of Assurance for the 2017-2018 school year to the New Jersey Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9C-4.2.

The CC reviewed the deadlines for submission of the SOA and anticipates its placement on the August Board Agenda.

X. (*) Community Education Programs

To recommend approval of the listing of Community Education Fall 2017 Adult, Youth, and After school Enrichment programs.

The CC recommends approval of the Community Ed programs.

XI. (*) Disposal of Instructional Materials

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

- Starr. *BIOLOGY Concepts & Applications*, 6th Edition
- Campbell, Williamson, and Heyden. *Biology-Exploring Life*

All items meet the below criteria:

- Although still useful, have been superseded by superior replacement materials

The CC recommends approval of the disposal.

XII. (*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the AP Microeconomics course:

- *Krugman’s Economics for AP 2e* (2015)

The CC recommends approval textbook.

XIII. (*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- US History teacher to attend an AP US History Summer Institute at Middlesex County College, Edison, New Jersey, from August 7, 2017, through August 10, 2017 at a cost of \$900 plus mileage.

- Chinese teacher to attend an AP Chinese Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from August 8, 2017, through August 11, 2017 at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- Reading and Writing Project Network training through Columbia University at a cost of approximately \$99,000. [The 2017-2018 contract covers consultant days and travel expenses, which will be paid through 2017 Every Student Succeeds Act Title II grant funds.]
- Reading and Writing Project Network to provide 2017-2018 professional development services for administrators, according to state-mandated professional growth plans, at a cost of approximately \$9,600. [The 2017-2018 contract covers consultant days and travel expenses, which will be paid through 2017 Every Student Succeeds Act Title II grant funds.]
- Teachers College Reading and Writing Project to supply 90 tickets for the attendance by teachers and administrators to professional development workshops at Teachers College at Columbia University during the 2017-2018 school year, at a cost of \$6,300 [paid through 2017 Every Student Succeeds Act Title II grant funds].
- Travel for staff members to attend Teachers College Reading and Writing Project professional development workshops at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City during the 2017-2018 school year, at a cost of approximately \$50 per trip [paid through 2017 Every Student Succeeds Act Title II grant funds].
- Foundation for Educational Administration (FEA) to provide mentoring management services for new administrators in the district at a cost of \$800 each. The district also agrees to reimburse new administrators for the cost of their mentor at \$1,500 for the first year and \$1,000 for the second year.
- District membership in Teachers as Scholars at Princeton University for the 2017-2018 school year at a cost of \$2,000. Membership includes eighteen professional development days at Teachers as Scholars seminars and one Administrator as Scholars seminar.

The CC recommends approval of the PD opportunities.

XIV. (*) StarTalk Grant

To recommend approval of the following StarTalk Hindi/Urdu Program consultants for services provided from June 1, 2017, to February 28, 2018 [funded by the StarTalk grant.]

- Eshaan Mishra, Khaula Butt, and Asna Omarzai: Junior Teaching Assistants
- Anuradha Puri: Teaching Assistant and Online Instructor

The CC recommends approval of the consultants.

XV. (●) Future Meeting Dates

- September 5, 2017
- Wednesday, October 11, 2017**
- November 21, 2017
- Monday, December 11, 2017
- January 16, 2018

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Revised Curriculum Approvals