



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Board Office Conference Room
March 13, 2018 7:00 PM

SUMMARY NOTES

BOE Attendance:

Dana Krug – Chair
Anthony Fleres
Carol Herts

Administrative Liaison:

Martin Smith
David Aderhold

Guests:

DISCUSSION (●) / DECISION (*)

I. (●) Dual Language Immersion Program

The CC discussed the registration data to date for the DLI program. The data suggests that there is sufficient interest in both Mandarin Chinese and Spanish so we anticipate that both programs will run next school year. While there is slightly more interest in Spanish than Chinese, it is anticipated that there will be a lottery to determine entry into both programs. The deadline for parents to register for the lottery is April 13th.

II. (●) Professional Development Updates

The committee reviewed the survey results from the February 16th in-service day. The staff was overwhelmingly positive in their assessment of the day and we anticipate that next year's February PD day will follow a similar format.

III. (●) Research Project

Christine Capaci-“College Preparation and High School Students’ Academic Demands: A Phenomenological Study”

The CC reviewed the Superintendent’s recommendation to allow this research project to interview individuals within the district. All Institutional Review Board protocols will be followed.

IV. (*) Job Description

To approve the job description for Teacher Resource Specialist for Special Education- BCBA
The CC recommends approval of the revised job description.

V. (*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for the sixth grade Honors & Accelerated Pre-Algebra course:

Big Ideas Accelerated, 2017, by Larson, R. and Bosell, L.

The CC recommends adoption of the textbook.

VI. (*) Non Public Technology Expenditure

To recommend approval for expenditures of the FY 2018 NJ Nonpublic School Technology Initiative as follows:

Children’s House of the Windsors \$ 900.62

The CC recommends approval of the expenditure.

VII. (*) Community Education

To approve the following Community Education adult and youth programs:

Youth Chess Tournament on April 20, 2018

Joint Venture Jazz Series on April 27, 2018

Family Tech Night in May 2018

The CC recommends approval of the programs.

VIII. (*) Science Kits

To recommend approval to enter into an agreement with ECA Educational Services to provide science kit refurbishing services for the 2018-2019 school year at a cost of approximately \$71,000.

The CC recommends approval of the purchase.

IX. (*) AP Exam Assistant Coordinators

To approve the creation of two (2) AP exam assistant coordinator positions (one at each high school) at a rate of \$3500 for 20 days. Money received from the testing fees will be used to cover this expense.

The CC recommends approval of the positions.

X. (*) Disposal of Instructional Materials

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

- 142 VHS Tapes from Maurice Hawk Elementary School

All items meet one or more of the below criteria:

- i. Is so worn and/or damaged as to preclude effective use and economical repair or restoration.
- ii. Is so outdated as to no longer serve as worthy instructional tools.

The CC recommends approval of the disposal.

XI. (*) Robotics Team Award

To accept an award from FIRST in the amount of \$5,000 to the FRC/FTC Robotics Teams for the 2017-2018 School Year.

The CC recommends acceptance of the award.

XII. (*) Professional Development Travel Approval

To recommend approval for the following professional development workshops and travel:

- 2 teachers to attend a one-week Teachers College Summer Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY, from June 25, 2018 to June 29, 2018, at a cost of \$850 per person plus travel.
- 3 teachers to attend a one-week Teachers College Summer Institute at Columbia University, New York, NY, from July 30, 2018 to August 3, 2018, at a cost of \$850 per person plus travel.

The CC recommends approval of the travel.

XIII. (*) Overnight Field Trips

To recommend approval for the following:

Grover Middle School

- Sixth graders to Timber Tops Camp in Greeley, PA, from June 4, 2018 to June 8, 2018. The total cost is approximately \$265 per student.

High School North

- High School North Social Studies Legal and Political Experiences (IPLE) class to the *We The People* competition in Washington, D.C., from April 27, 2018, to May 1, 2018 as part of the IPLE curriculum. The cost of the trip is approximately \$700 per student. In addition, the district will provide financial support for this trip in the amount of \$20,000.

International Trip

- High School North Music Department to Lisbon, Portugal from April 22, 2019- April 30, 2019. The cost of the trip is approximately \$2500 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips. The CC discussed the acceptance of a \$20,000 corporate donation in lieu of the district financial support for the IPLE trip.

Next Meeting Date: Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Future Topics

Media Center Program Review