

# West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education

Board Curriculum Committee Meeting Board Office Conference Room April 17, 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. (●) Field Trips

The CC reviewed the overnight field trips that have been approved for the 17-18 school year at the middle and high school levels. The Board has approved 60 field trips, most related to competition for various programs such as Science Olympiad, Model UN and Robotics. The CC discussed concerns about the costs associated with these trips.

## II. (•) Testing Platform: Parent View

The CC reviewed the draft information that will be made to parents in the Genesis Parent Portal related to assessment scores. The district is working to provide all standardized testing information in the Portal so that parents always have longitudinal access to their child's scores on any standardized assessment the child takes while a student in WWP.

#### III. (•) Physical Education/Health Program Review

The CC discussed the fact that no proposals were received to conduct an External Program Review of the PE/Health program. The CC reviewed the last external review and discussed conducting only an internal review this time and providing the PE/Health teachers with the major voice for recommendations of how to move the program forward.

#### IV. (\*) HS Program of Studies Revised Course Description

- To recommend approval of the revised course description for the Legal and Political Experiences (IPLE) course in the 2018-2019 High School Program of Studies.
- To recommend approval of an ESL IV course.

The CC recommends approval of the revisions to the 18-19 Program of Studies.

#### V. (\*) New Textbook Adoption

To recommend adoption of the following textbook for Sixth Grade Math course: EdGems Math Course, 2018 by McCaw, publisher EdGems Math LLC

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 Windsors \$ 405.18 French American School \$ 185.04 Montessori Corner \$ 352.91

The CC recommends approval of the expenditures.

#### VII. (\*) Technology – Student Information System

To recommend approval for Genesis Educational Services to provide system maintenance, including lesson planner, for the Genesis Student Information System and Genesis Staff Management System, interfaces for VersaTrans, IEP Direct, Destiny Follett and Café Prepay, and secure backup services for the 2018-2019 school year at a total cost of \$40,559.

The CC recommends approval of the purchase.

#### VIII. (\*) Northwest Evaluation Association

To recommend entering into an agreement with Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA) to supply web-based Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) math and language arts assessments for students. The cost of the materials through June 2019 is approximately \$57,719.

The CC recommends approval of the agreement.

## IX. (\*) PSAT Testing Materials

To recommend entering into an agreement with College Board for the purchase of the PSAT testing materials for the 2018-2019 school year. The total cost of the materials for both high schools is approximately \$20,000.

The CC recommends approval of the agreement.

## X. (\*) Algebra I Remediation Program

To recommend creating a remedial program for students who need to pass the Algebra I PARCC assessment to meet their high school graduation requirement, at a total cost not to exceed \$7,000.00.

The CC recommends creation of the program and the associated costs.

#### XI. (\*) Grant

To accept a grant from the AXA Achievement Scholarship Program in the amount of \$1,000 to High School South for professional development activities.

The CC recommends acceptance of the grant.

## XII. (\*) Donation

To recommend the acceptance of the following donation:

• One (1) Andrew Schroetter Stand Up Bass from Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt, parents of a former West Windsor-Plainsboro student, for use by the District.

The CC recommends acceptance of the donation.

#### XIII. (\*) Professional Development

To recommend approval for the following professional development:

- 1 Science teacher to attend an AP Environmental Science Summer Institute at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey, from July 23, 2018, through July 26, 2018 at a cost of \$1,025 plus mileage.
- 1 Social Studies teacher to attend an AP Comparative Government Summer Institute at St. Johnsbury Academy in St. Johnsbury, Vermont, from July 8, 2018 through July 13, 2018 at a cost not to exceed \$1,240.52.
- 5 counselors to attend the DIS[RU]PT Trauma Conference in Piscataway, NJ on May 31, 2018, at a cost of \$115 plus mileage.

The CC recommends approval of the professional development opportunities.

# XIV. (\*) Overnight Field Trips

Multi-school Trips

- Science Olympiad to Colorado State University in Ft. Collins, Colorado, from May 17 2017, to May 20, 2017. The cost of the trip is approximately \$1,000 per student.
- FTC and FRC Robotics Teams to Detroit, MI from April 25, 2018 to April 29, 2018. The total cost is approximately \$700 per student. [Approved November 28, 2017; reapproving due to extra travel day.]

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: May 15, 2018

**Future Topics** 

**Dual Language Immersion**