



West Windsor-Plainsboro Board of Education
Board Curriculum Committee Meeting
Central Office Conference Room
September 4, 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. (●) State Testing Report and Graduation Pathway Report

The CC reviewed the State Testing report that will be presented to the full Board at the September 11th Board meeting.

II. (●) 2017-18 NJSmart Evaluation Data Review

A review of the data submitted to the State for the 2017-18 school year on the teacher evaluation system showed that for teachers who received a Summative Rating (Teacher Practice & SGOs (does not include mSGP teachers); 0% were rated Ineffective, 0% were rated Partially Effective, 9% were rated Effective, and 91% were rated Highly Effective.

III. (●) Summer Financial Literacy course

The CC reviewed the implementation of the second year of the district's offering a financial literacy course on-line. A review showed that most students were successful in the course.

IV. (*) Curriculum

To recommend approval of the following new curricula:

1. Job Skills-B
2. AP Environmental Science
3. Music Technology

To recommend approval of the following revised curricula:

4. Math 6 RC
5. Math 6
6. Pre-Algebra H&A
7. Geometry H&A
8. Pre-Calculus
9. Chinese Grade 7
10. Chinese Grade 8
11. French 4 Honors
12. Spanish Cultural Studies Honors
13. Social Studies Grade 6
14. Social Studies Grade 7

15. Social Studies Grade 8
16. World History
17. World History Honors
18. American Studies I
19. American Studies I Honors
20. American Studies II
21. American Studies II Honors
22. Human Behavior
23. Legal and Political Experiences
24. Economic and Social Problems in American Society
25. AP US Government and Politics
26. AP Microeconomics
27. Integrated Reading Language Arts Grade 6
28. Integrated Reading Language Arts Grade 7
29. Integrated Reading Language Arts Grade 8
30. Language Arts I College Preparation
31. Language Arts I Honors
32. Language Arts II College Preparation
33. Language Arts II Honors
34. Language Arts III College Preparation
35. Language Arts III Honors
36. Language Arts IV College Preparation
37. Language Arts IV Honors
38. AP Language and Composition
39. AP Literature and Composition
40. Advanced Topics in Computer Science
41. Graphic Engineering
42. Art Grade 1
43. Art Grade 2
44. Art Grade 3
45. Art Grade 4
46. Art Grade 5
47. Choir Grade 6
48. Choir Grade 7
49. Choir Grade 8
50. Cycle Music Grade 6
51. Cycle Music Grade 7
52. Cycle Music Grade 8
53. Drawing and Painting I
54. Drawing and Painting II
55. Theatre Arts
56. Study Skills
57. Student Assistance Counseling 6-8

All new courses to be offered in the 18-19 school year had curricula written over the summer. Courses that were new last year also underwent a revision based upon the teacher's experiences having taught the course last year for the first time.

- Many of the curricula were revised based upon the study of how to write effective enduring understandings and essential questions that was undertaken last school

year. This allows for a stronger focus on the big ideas embedded within each discipline, providing clarity of goals for the learning.

- Sixth grade Math was revised to reflect the adoption of new textbooks aligned to the redesigned Honors and Accelerated program in 6th grade.
- Language Arts curricula were updated to clearly align with the goals of the Collins Writing program as well as choice reading.
- Social Studies curricula focused on the development of historical thinking skills.
- Fine and Performing Arts curricula are aligned to the concepts of creating, performing, responding, and connecting.
- World Languages continues to develop a thematic center for each unit that provides a meaningful context for language use.

The CC recommends approval of all curriculum documents.

V. (*) Professional Development.

To recommend approval of entering into a contract with Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to provide 2018-2019 Reading Recovery professional development and technical support for eleven (11) reading recovery teachers at a cost of \$9,900 plus travel.

The CC recommends approval of the contact.

VI. (*) New Textbook Adoption

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

- Chemistry, by Steven Zumdahl, Susan Zumdahl, and Donald Decoste

The CC recommends adoption of the textbook.

VII. (*) Field Trips

To recommend approval of the following overnight field trips:

High School North

- a. National History Day student to Global Youth Institutes Global Conference in Des Moines, Iowa, from October 17, 2018 to October 20, 2018. There is no cost associated with this trip.
- b. Model United Nations to Ithaca, New York, from April 11, 2019 to April 14, 2019. The cost of the trip is approximately \$400 per student.

The CC recommends approval of the field trips.

Next Meeting Date: October 16, 2018– 7:00 pm

Future Topics

Field Trip Approvals

Program of Studies