

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
MAY 19TH, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

Board Members Present:	E. Urbanski, Chair V. Flynn, Board President E. Briamonte L. Zhang
Administrators Present:	J. Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent
Meeting Location:	Board Conference room, Village School

1. The committee met in person at 9:00 AM on May 19th for its Curriculum and Instruction/Special Services Committee Meeting.
2. Recommendations for Approval The committee discussed items recommended by the Interim Superintendent for approval including, but not limited to: Professional development district personnel, HFEE mini grant donations, Curriculum updating with integration of Naviance in Guidance, Latin and Science, Field trips, Title fund motions, Student teacher/Clinical practices/Observations/Field experiences, Criteria for independent evaluations in special education, and Special Services providers for the 2021/2022 School Year.
3. Pre-K Dr. Charney presented data from a recently published MIT study that analyzes the long term positive impact of Pre- K on students of various ethnicities. Pre-K is one of the most effective agents for putting children on the right path for the course of their lives. The district is offering two Pre-K classes in 2021, but doubling this access in 2022. Dr. Charney recommends increasing the number of classes further. A discussion was had about how the district can offer Pre-K to more students, utilizing more rooms and buildings.
4. Key Club The Key Club participated in the Memory Project which involved club members painting portraits of students in Cameroon. Images of the portraits have been included in the High School daily announcements. The attached video shows the delivery of the portraits to the students in Cameroon. <https://vimeo.com/548215206/ada87238aa>
5. Special BOE meeting There will be a special board meeting on June 16th to recognize students achievement awards.
6. MAP data Dr. Charney presented the Spring MAP data for grades 1-6. The data indicates that 428 students, approximately 25-30% of the students, have learning loss and will need remediation in math and ELA. There is some student overlap with students needing help in both areas. Letters, along with the MAP results, were sent to all parents and invited students who might need remediation in the Esser funded Summer Step Up program. Targeted letters will follow from the student's teachers. Students will be grouped according to need. These student groups will range in size from 6-12 students. Many of the staff members have signed up to teach the Summer step up program and it is projected that enough staff will be able to facilitate the program.

7. G&T proposal Dr. Charney led a discussion on the possible allocation of time for the new G&T teacher in the 2021-22 school year.
8. Guidance Counselor Summer rotation A rotation of counselors is being arranged to meet schedule conflicts that usually arise.
9. AP Data Dr. Charney presented 2021 AP attendance data. Approximately 66% of AP students to date participated in taking the tests. Dr. Charney said that a high performing school district, such as Holmdel, should have AP test participation closer to 90%. Dr. Charney advised that he is analysing the policies of other high performing school districts to ascertain what steps could be taken to increase test participation in Holmdel.
10. U.S. News data Dr. Charney presented an analysis of Holmdel's rankings. Currently, Holmdel is ranked 74th in the state. Holmdel ranks lower than other peer high performing schools such as Chatham (23), Princeton (28), Milburn (15) and Tenafly (21). The analysis shows that there is a direct correlation between school ranking and the number of students who take at least one AP test. A link to the data is here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qknqcr4gDPZ9OVJkYbLSKn05ofJXOVlOb7Bz9HOG0ds/edit#gid=0>
11. Satz Rotating Schedule: Questions were asked about the possibility of looking into the effectiveness of the Satz rotating schedule now that it has been in place for two years.

Next Meeting Date: June 21st @ 9:00 AM