

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Annual Report

June 30, 2012

This Annual Report covers the major C&I work items from May, 2011 to June, 2012.

Major Work Items for 2011-12:

The initial list below is discussed and set at the May, 2011 meeting:

- World Language (K-6) – complete the program review and revision
- Math – complete curriculum revision for K-2 this year, and 3-6 in 2011-12.
- Language Arts – Reader's/Writer's Workshop model is implemented for K-4 now, expand it into 5-6 in 2011-12.
- Science and Social Study – updating curriculum for Satz.
- Voyagers (G & T) Program – expand to 6th grade in 2011-12 and design a program for Satz for 2012-13 implementation.
- Technology – technology infusion for K-6, & implementation of thin clients (to better reuse outdated PCs)
- High School – updates on impact from the 10 extra minutes per day (more precisely, extra 3 minutes per period). This has not happened yet; the right timing is to do it in the Summer of 2012.
- PE/Extracurricular Sports – invite Randy to give a presentation on areas that he supervises.

Committee Summary for 2011-12:

- Summer Reading 2011 – completed the program review and revision.
- Summer Reading 2012 – completed the program review and revision; added new section for Pre-school and provided parents with information about how to determine the Readers Workshop reading level for each book.
- Two New Courses proposed for 2012-13: "Perspectives of America Today: Politic, Government and Current Issues" & "English III – AP Language and Composition".
- 504 Plans -- Mr. Eric Swensen attended the June-2011 meeting to brief the committee on the 504 Plan status & related actions.
- Satz New Initiatives: Supplemental Math Plus Program & Generation TextOnline Program for 2011-2012
- Code of Conduct – revised and re-approved for all 4 schools for 2011-2012.
- Achieve (Basic Skills) Program – reviewed for Village and Indian Hill Schools
- Physical Education and Athletics – reviewed for all 4 schools
- Fierce Conversation – administrators trained for the new staff evaluation process.
- Policy reviews – reviewed sections 2000, 3000, and 5000.
- ESL Plan – reviewed and approved for 2011-2012.
- Satz – reviewed 7th and 8th grade Math Program
- Program of Studies – reviewed and approved for Satz and HHS for 2012-2013
- Holmdel High School Examination Policy – reviewed and discussed, to be followed up later including re-examining the letter grading system to include pluses and perhaps also minuses.
- Numerous donations, curriculum, and textbooks were reviewed and approved throughout the period.
- Language Art Program for VS/IHS – reviewed and discussed throughout the period, especially for 6th grade implementations. As a results, many improvements/modifications have been added.
- Summer Academic Enrichment Program & Sports Camp – reviewed and approved for 2012
- Social Study Programs – several aspects/community inputs, such as on Heritage Day, Colonial Day & Satz Social Study programs, were reviewed and discussed.
- Coaches' Handbook – draft reviewed and discussed. Targeted to be revised and approved for 2012-2013 by 7/2012.
- Professional Development (PD) Plan – reviewed and accepted for 2012-2013.
- World Language Program – reviewed for all 4 schools.
- Gifted and Talented – reviewed plan to expand to Satz for 2012-2013
- Satz New Initiatives: Supplemental LA Plus (name is tentative) Program for 2012-2013

Respectfully submitted,
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