

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, April 13, 2015 at 12:30 PM

Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Joe Hammer, Denise Kline, Mike Sockol (via Phone)

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Robert McGarry, Anthony Gattini

Items for Discussion/Updates

1. The Vision for 1:1 Technology in Holmdel

- The C&I committee discussed the great impact of instructional time, staffing conflicts, scheduling issues and quality of instruction devoted to the PARCC-PBA exam over the four exam weeks, especially in the High School and Satz.
- The C&I committee also discussed the shortage of technology devices over the PARCC exam weeks. While most of the devices were used for the PARCC exam, teachers experienced serious disruption in regular classroom instruction.
- Dr. McGarry indicated more teachers are using technology devices during instruction, and experienced difficulties in scheduling devices for their classrooms.
- The C&I committee discussed the urgency and needs to have 1:1 Technology in place to support not only for any kind of on-line assessment, but also, the enhancement of technology in all classrooms.
- Mr. Gattini will provide some proposals to the C&I and B&F committees.

2. Update on District Goals

a. Completing the District's Implementation of the Common Core Standards to Promote College and Career Readiness

- A Survey was sent by Dr. McGarry to all staff.
- 165 responses as of 4/13/15.
- A presentation to the public will take place at the BOE meeting on April 22nd.

b. Assessing the Allocation and Utilization of Instructional Time across the Content Areas

i. K-8

ii. HS Rotating Schedule

- No update on K-8 at the meeting. Full presentation will take place on May 13th.
- HS Rotating Schedule Ad Hoc Committee will present their recommendation to the Board for consideration at the BOE meeting on April 22nd.

c. Evaluating the Visual and Performing Arts Programs, K-12

- The C&I committee reviewed the essential questions for evaluating the Visual and Performing Arts program from the Ad Hoc committee, and, the NJ Core Curriculum Content Standards of Visual and Performing Arts programs.
- A parent survey and a student survey were sent by Dr. McGarry in March, these surveys are still open.
- Dr. McGarry shared the courses offerings and the percentage of enrollments in the area of Arts in the HHS.
- A presentation at the BOE meeting is scheduled on June 24th.

3. Math Textbook adoption

- Mrs. Killean updated the Go-Math pilot over grade 3 to 6, and the training with enVision math.
- Mrs. Killean recommended the “enVision” as our new math textbook for K-6, starting in September 2015.
- The C&I committee accepted all the information, findings and analysis that Mrs. Killean presented at the C&I meeting
- The C&I committee accepted the recommendation from Mrs. Killean.
- A presentation for the math textbook adoption was scheduled at the BOE meeting on April 22nd.
- The approval for adoption will be on the April 29th agenda.
- Mrs. Killean is planning to send out a parent survey to understand parents’ concern and to address the needs for improvement while implementing the new math curriculum.

4. PARCC Review

a. Participation Percentages

- The C&I committee appreciated administrators, teachers and the technology department staff in preparing our students for the PBA PARCC.
- The C&I committee appreciates the tremendous support from parents to teachers and schools.
- Dr. McGarry shared the numbers of PARCC participation at the meeting.
- 69 students refused to take the PARCC exams.
- The total enrollment in grades 3 to 11 is 2,174 students. 2,105 students participated in taking the PARCC exams.

Village: 98.71%

IH: 98.91%

Satz: 96.67%

HHS: 94.86%

Overall district participating rate is 96 %

b. Parent Survey

- Dr. McGarry sent out a survey to all parents in grades 3 to 11 after completing the Part 1: PBA PARCC exam.
- As of 4/13/15, there are 200 responses, the survey is still open.

- Summary of the results:
 1. 22.5 % of 8th grade parents participated in the survey. Only 11% of 11th grade parents participated.
 2. 28.6% of parents indicated ‘My children described the PARCC Mathematic tests as “3.- about the same” followed by 25.5% “4- more difficult” and 23.5.% “5 – very difficult”
 3. 31% of parents indicated “My children described the PARCC Language Arts tests as “3. - about the same” followed by 21.5% “4- more difficult” and 20% “2- easier.”
 4. 26.5% parents indicated “My children described the use of technology as “3.- about the same” followed by 23.5% “2- easy” and 20.5% “1- very easy.”
 5. 46% of parents indicated “Loss of instructional time during testing “as the answer to “What is your greatest concern about PARCC testing?”
 6. 37% of parents indicated “use of instructional time to prepare students to take a computer-based state assessment for the first time” as the answer to “What other concerns do you have?” followed by 33% parents indicated “Loss of instructional time during testing” as their answer to “What other concerns do you have?”
- The C&I committee appreciates that parents provided valuable feedback and voices for their children after participating in the actual PARCC exam.
- The C&I committee suggested that the district should send the conclusion and suggestions to the State.
- The C&I committee encourages parents to continue supporting their children to complete the Part 2: EOY PARCC and to respond to the survey.
- EOY PARCC will start the week of April 20th, which will be 4 days of exams for each grade.
- All testing schedules and operations will remain the same.
- Dr. McGarry will continue to update the committee on PARCC.
- Dr. McGarry plans to give the C&I committee an update of the final survey results and the recommendations to the State in June.

5. NJDOE 2014 Technology Standard - Presentation at NJSBA Technology Conference - <http://tinyurl.com/njsbalcss>

- NJDOE introduced the newest Technology Standard to school board members at NJSBA Technology Conference on February 20th.
- It is not a mandated standard at this time, but encourages the district to implement this standard in September 2015.
- The Professional Developments will take place in spring 2015.
- The new focus for this 2014 version of Technology Standard is that it encourages the district to offer the “Computer Programming” course or lessons for K to 12.

Items for Discussion and Board Approval

1. Reading Specialist Job Description Revision – Literacy Coach

- Rename the “Reading Specialist” to “Literacy Coach” for better job coverage for this position.
- The C&I committee reviewed and made some suggestions to the revision for Mrs. Duncan and Dr. McGarry’s consideration.
- The C&I committee supports the change and recommend to the Board for approval.
- It will be on April 22nd agenda for approval.

Items for the Good of the Order

Every member of the C&I committee received a printed copy of 2015-2016 Holmdel High School Program of Study.

Next Meeting: TBA

**Sincerely Submitted,
Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chairperson**