

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, May 16, 2011, 10:00 AM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu, Phyllis Pascucci
Administrators - Mary Beth Currie

STEM Grant Award for W. R. Satz School:

Our students from Satz competed in the 2010 National Engineers Week Future City Competition, NJ Region, and finished in 2nd place! The hard work of these students and their teachers (Christen Rillo and Sean Dowd) resulted in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Grant being awarded in the amount of \$1500 to the Holmdel Board of Education. The grant will be used toward the Lego Robotics program which will enhance the STEM education, and prepare the Satz Team for the next competition.

C&I recommend accepting the grant at next Board Meeting.

Summer Reading 2011:

The packets for all grades are shared and reviewed with the committee. There's no change from last year.

C&I recommend approving the Summer Reading Lists at next Board Meeting.

Transition to Next Generation Assessment Systems:

New Jersey's transition to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) over the next few years will be supported by a related transition to a next-generation assessments system. Following a careful review of two next-generation assessments systems, New Jersey has decided to become a Governing State in the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Career (PARCC).

An overview presentation of PARCC was reviewed with the C&I. Highlights include: 4 assessments each year on both math and reading; the assessments will measure both performance and growth; most states have adopted the CCSS and intend to implement the new standards by the 2014-15 school year.

C&I will continue to monitor the development of CCSS and PARCC.

Major Work Items for 2011-12:

The initial list below is discussed:

- 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
- High School – updates on impact from the 10 extra minutes per day (more precisely, extra 3 minutes per period).
- PE/Extracurricular Sports – invite Randy to give a presentation on areas that he supervises.

C&I will continue to review these items, and adjust the list as needed.

Items for Approval:

One curriculum guide, Introduction to Music Theory, was reviewed as well as two generous donations: one from HFEE for the rain gardens classroom amenities (\$22,000); and the other is from Ken Smith, a Holmdel graduate, for a set of books published by Holmdel students during 1969-1975 (priceless).

C&I recommend approving the curriculum guide and the donations at next Board Meeting.

Items not Discussed, will Follow up in Future Meetings:

- District Achieve (Basic Skill) Program,
- HS Social Study Offerings

Next Meeting: 9:45am, 6/20/2011 (Monday), Upper Library Conference Room HHS.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai