

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, July 11, 2011, 11:00 AM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu
Administrators – Mary Beth Currie, Art Howard, Lisa Marino

Supplemental Math Plus Program – W.R. Satz School:

A new course (program), “Math +”, is proposed to be established in 2011-2012 for 7th grade at Satz. The program is a supplemental math course that is designed, through the use of diagnostic data and collaboration with the regular math instructor, to increase the Math proficiency level of students who scored partially proficient on the NJASK statewide assessment in Grade 6.

- As a supplemental course, this class will be taken in conjunction with, and not in lieu of, the student’s regular scheduled Math class assignment.
- It will be a pull-out from the Cycle Programs, except the Technology and World Language Cycles, twice or 3 times a week.
- It will have 8-10 students per class, and have the flexibility of discontinuing a student from participation if it becomes unnecessary, or pulling in a student only on a specific topic.
- It will cover both regular and special services students, who are tested to be partial proficient, but not qualified for Basic Skill class. This will not replace the Basic Skill classes, but since it is flexible, it may include some students who are also in Basic Skill classes.
- A 0.6 teacher will be hired – must be highly qualified in Math, and certified for special ed.

Generation TextOnline Program– W.R. Satz School:

A new Character Education program will be introduced at W. R. Satz School this coming fall. The goal is to create a positive school climate by involving everyone in the school system. The program will focus on empathy and the devastating effects from cyberbullying. The program will teach students how to use text messaging, Facebook, online gaming and any online activities in a safe way (instead of stop using them). The program consists of 3 major components:

- Student Assembly Program
- Parents Assembly Program
- Professional Development Program (how to lead an open discussion instead of delivering a lecture)

A side note: this program was referred to Art by Shana,Nussbaum, who was Satz AP a few years ago.

Code of Conduct – All 4 Schools:

The current/revised Codes of Conduct from all 4 schools were shared and discussed with the committee. The following actions will follow:

- They will be reviewed and discussed at the Administrator’s Retreat this Thursday (7/14). Certain level of consistency will be attempted recognizing that they will need to differentiate due to very different student ages.
- Revised versions from the 7/14 Admin Retreat will be email to C&I no later than Monday next week (7/18), and C&I will review/discuss them via emails next week.
- C&I recommended versions will be sent to all board members via courier or email no later than the following Monday (7/25), and they will be on the 7/27 Board Meeting agenda.

Items for Approval:

C&I reviewed the following items and recommends their approval:

1. Approval of Audio Visual Aids
 - a. Indian Hill School free DVDs from the Monmouth County Audio Visual Aids Commission
 - b. Holmdel High School free DVDs from the Monmouth County Audio Visual Aids Commission

2. Curriculum Guides
 - AP Chemistry
 - Chemistry
 - Honors Chemistry

Items For Information:

1. SIG Beyond at Indian Hill School
 - An educational afterschool program for academically gifted and talented students in grades 4 through 6, which offers curriculum beyond what is covered during school day
 - A paid program, operated by an outside vendor who would rent our facility. The program is not sanctioned by HBOE (thus an FYI item).
 - Open to all – Holmdel and non-Holmdel students (students need to be in a GnT program or meet other qualifications)
 - Plan to start this fall. A survey was conducted in June to identify interest.

Items not Discussed, will Follow up in Future Meetings:

1. District Achieve (Basic Skills) Program (August Meeting)

Next Meetings:

9:45am, 8/15/2011 (Monday), Central Office Conference Room
9:45am, 9/19/2011 (Monday), Central Office Conference Room
9:45am, 10/17/2011 (Monday), HHS Upper Library Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai