

# Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, October 17, 2011, 10:30 AM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu  
Administrators – Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan, Antonia Martinez

## Items for Discussion/Reports

1. **NJCAP**
  - Awarded \$1832.00 to implement the Elementary and Special Needs CAP (Child Assault Prevention) program. The award was accepted at the last board meeting.
2. **Student trip to China – Non Sponsored by Holmdel High School**
  - Trip is not sponsored by the board. However, C&I recommends granting April 16, 2012 as excused absence for attending students and staff to allow the group to visit Nanjing Middle School, whose deputation visited us earlier this year.
3. **Update on 7<sup>th</sup> grade & 8<sup>th</sup> grade Mathematics**
  - Antonia Martinez, our Math/Science Supervisor, shared with the Committee the strategy of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grades mathematics curriculum.
  - For kids in Middle school, math is best to be exploratory, so the goal is to differentiate in a more heterogeneous group. We will continue the Honors 7th Grade Math and then move into Algebra I in 8th Grade.
  - Though some of our students have scored 300 in NJASK, further analysis shows that they still don't do well in some areas of open questions. Course acceleration will be more suitable when they reach HS.
4. **AYP**
  - In Special Services area. Continue to address it via: Study Island, Coach Book, Reader/Writer Workshop, and rewriting Math Curriculum.
  - Even though it's not required since we are not a Title I school district, we are taking advantage of the professional development opportunities being offered by the State, as we strive to have all students make AYP.
5. **Policy Review**
  - Continued to review 3000s
  - Added additional session for 3000s & 5000s: 6-7pm, 10/26/11, Wednesday, Satz.
6. **Accept Title III of the NCLB Grant**
  - We are now in a consortium, with Freehold Borough taking the lead role.
  - C&I recommends accepting the grant of \$3535.00.
7. **Future C&I Attractions – Coming Soon in November:**
  - Elementary Social Studies Curriculum revision (Susan Alston)
  - Language Arts – Update on Reading Specialists (Susan Alston)

**Items for Approval:**

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

1. **Curriculum Guides**  
Social Studies Gr. 4

2. **Donations**

- a. Mr. Chris Blejwas would like to make the following donations:
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| To Village School Library in Memory of Raye Poindexter                    | \$100.00 |
| To Village School Library in Memory of Michael La Rocca, a former student |          |
| To purchase books in their names  | \$100.00 |
- b. The Holmdel Booster Club is please to make non-monetary donations to the Athletic Department in the following amounts:
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| DC-Sports – Sweatshirts for Boys Tennis Team                         | \$602.00   |
| Moglino, AIA LC – Architectural Drawings Roggy Field Press Box       | \$3,000.00 |
| Maser Consulting PA – Steel Structure for Roggy Field Press Box      | \$3,385.00 |
| Medical Source One Co. – New Stim Machine for Athletic Training Room | \$3,595.00 |
- c. [Correction] The Village School PSA would like to make a monetary donation to be applied to the expense of school trips in the amount of \$12,000 (\$3,000.00 per grade)

**Next Meetings:**

10:00am, 11/14/2011 (Monday), Board Office at Village School  
10:00am, 12/05/2011 (Monday), Board Office at Village School

Respectfully submitted,  
Ray Tai