

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, November 14, 2011, 10:30 AM

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

Items for Discussion/Reports

1. **Elementary Language Arts & Social Studies Curriculum Discussion – S. Alston**
 - 3rd grade Heritage Day & Colonial Day – they don't match the new State Core Curriculum for Social Studies. The music teacher used to put together a show for Heritage Day, and now the show will be in conjunction with Character Ed., and will have the same diversity component as Heritage Day. For Colonial Day, the teachers and the students will work to create a Colonial Museum, that parents can be invited to tour. Susan will put together an information packet for the parents.
 - Language Arts – We are introducing *Words Their Way: Word Study in Action* in school this year. *Words Their Way* will enhance the reading workshop, to provide the most effective instruction in phonics, spelling, and vocabulary. *Words Their Way* is authored by noted researchers Donald Bear, Marcia Invernizzi, Francine Johnston, and Shane Templeton. It is also the word study program recommended by Teachers College-Columbia University, which is providing the training and resources for our reading/writing workshop curriculum.
2. **Program of Studies – HHS and WRS**
 - The committee reviewed the Programs of Studies for Satz and High School, and suggested some changes. Mary Beth will work with the administrators to incorporate the changes. The revised programs will then be shared with the whole board in time for the board discussion at the December meeting and for approval at the January meeting.
3. **Policies 5000**
 - We ran out of time to review this. We will set up a separate meeting for this if the current process will be followed after the whole board discussion on the Policy Review process this coming Wednesday (11/16/11).

Items for Approval:

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

1. Course Proposal
Principles of Biology/Lab-Revision – Holmdel High School

Next Meetings:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai