

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, December 5, 2011, 10:30 AM

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

Items for Discussion/Reports

1. **Holmdel High School Examination Policy – William Loughran**
 - HHS Principal, Mr. Loughran, gave a presentation on “Considering Exams at Holmdel High School”.
 - The issue is that while the midterm and final exams take much effort and time, they only count for 5% each of the final grade for the course. The final exam may be totally inconsequential based on current grading system.
 - Data were collected and analyzed, and survey was done among the staff, the students, and also the parents. Issues about stress, motivation, and benefits (such as big exam experiences) were discussed.
 - The work is quite impressive and intriguing. The process, which seeks input from all stake holders, is excellent. It is worth noting that inputs were also sought from other top NJ schools and local public and private schools.
 - There is a preliminary recommendation which is surely a positive first step to address the concerns. After a thorough discussion, C&I recommend that the current HHS grading system should also be investigated, and these two issues should be addressed together. In summary, there will be no change for 2012-13, but this will be a major C&I work item with recommendations to be implement for 2013-14.

2. **Policies 5000**
 - We ran out of time to review this again. We have scheduled a meeting specifically for this at 5:30-7pm, 12/14 (Wednesday), right before the next board meeting.

Items for Approval:

None

Next Meetings:

10:30am, 1/09/2012 (Monday), Board Office at Village School
10:30am, 2/06/2012 (Monday), Board Office at Village School
10:30am, 3/19/2012 (Monday), Board Office at Village School
10:30am, 4/16/2012 (Monday), Board Office at Village School

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai