

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes Tuesday, March 10, 2015, at 2:00 PM

Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Joe Hammer, Denise Kline,

Administrators: Robert McGarry

Items for Discussion/Updates

1. *PARCC Implementation Update*

- Despite the interruption of inclement weather, Dr. McGarry indicated the PARCC assessments went smoothly. Many students indicated the assessments were not as difficult as they predicted.
- HHS Grade 11 PARCC started on Tuesday, March 3rd instead of March 2nd, due to the delayed opening. It would end on Thursday March 11th, due to school closing for two snow days.
- HHS Grade 10 will take PARCC on Thursday, March 12th.
- Satz Grade 7 started PARCC on Monday, March 9th.
- IH Grade 6 started PARCC on Monday, March 9th.
- The C&I committee suggested to consider offering make-up test days for those students who originally refused to take the exam.

2. *Dyslexia Law implementation*

- The Dyslexia Screening Implementation Committee was formed, led by Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny-Foggin. There are 5 Administrators and 5 teachers on the committee.
- PD days were offered to all Village School teachers which gave teachers the guidelines how to look for the sign for the Dyslexia and how to conduct the screening.
- All second graders were given an initial screening by the end of 2nd marking period.

3. *Option Two (as per NJAC 6A:8-5.1(a))*

- Dr. McGarry indicated that the district should consider extending offerings to students under the “Option Two” program.
- The C&I committee suggested to form a building level “ad hoc committee” in the High School to study the possibility and provide a recommendation in guidelines and offerings.

4. *Update of new Math Resources in Village School and Indian Hill School.*

- We are nearing the targeted date for a recommendation to be made of the final selection for adoption. While continuing to work with Go Math! teachers are also

revisiting Envisions, one of the two resources that have been reviewed by staff in order to make the best recommendation possible.

Items for Discussion and Board Approval

The C&I committee recommends the following items to the Board for approval:

1. ***Summer Enrichment 2015***—Courses and instructors.
2. ***Approval of supplemental textbook for English I: The Fault in Our Stars by John Green***
3. ***Policy #5339 Screening for Dyslexia*** – new, first reading

Items for the Good of the Order

The C&I committee members suggested that administration consider ways to have webpage postings more consistent among teachers. The C&I committee suggested that it may be a good agenda item to the CR committee for further discussion.

Homework- review: Job Description for “Reading Specialist”

Next Meeting: TBA

Sincerely Submitted,
Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chairperson