

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes
October 9, 2013
Board Conference Room
7:00 p.m.

Attending: Board Members: Phyllis Pascucci, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu, Victor DeSario
Mike Sockol
Administrators: Mary Beth Currie and Barbara Duncan

Absent: N/A

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

COMMON CORE - The curriculum is updated continuously to align with the common core. The Common Core District Implementation team meets periodically to discuss implementation and community awareness-the district web site is updated to reflect the most current information regarding the common core standards and state mandates for implementation.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADING - The committee discussed possible changes to the grading system to enhance student motivation and achievement. In addition, possible modifications to examinations, especially in light of the new state requirements for PARCC assessment. The discussion of grading at the High School has been on-going. In the last two years the discussion among the administration and faculty has centered on exams as a component of the current grading. The discussion was briefly put on hold due to the hiring of two new assistant principals at the High School last year.

Presently the Administration, Faculty, and the Curriculum and Instruction Committee, will be undertaking a complete review of the grading system, of which exams are an integral part. A thorough review of the High School grading system will be on-going throughout 2013-2014. The committee agreed with the Administration's recommendation that no changes will take place this current year.

Mr. Loughran attended the committee meeting to update the members on the current grading system and the on-going discussions between administration and faculty regarding possible changes. Mr. Loughran will also attend future meetings thru out the year to provide staff and administrative input.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Curriculum Guides were updated to align with Common Core Standards.

DONATION-Mrs. Alona Strait donated 600.00 to Mrs. Kyriaki Rausch's second grade class.

Items for information:

Next Curriculum Committee meeting is scheduled for: November 13, 2013 at the Board Office Conference room.

Respectfully submitted,

Phyllis Pascucci