



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"

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Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, October 19, 2015, 12:00 noon

Attending:

Board Members: Chiung-yin Liu (Chair), Joe Hammer, Denise Kline, Lori Ammirati (via phone)

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Robert McGarry, Art Howard, Marilyn Bellis

Items for Discussion/Updates

1. Arts Evaluation Next Steps

- a. Dr. McGarry met with art teachers on October 12th to review the priorities identified in the VPA Program Evaluation.
- b. The administration will be considering these as planning for the 2015-2016 budget begins.

2. 21st Century Learning District Goal Update

- a. Staff Survey sent out to the staff.
- b. The results will provide baseline information to establish metrics for the district.
- c. Looking for how to ensure best practice in classroom learning.
- d. Committee reviewing a donation letter from HFEE/PLG gift for Indian Hill School.

3. Enrollment Statistics 8th Grade-9th Grade (Mr. Art Howard, Principal of Satz School)

- a. Numbers of attendee to Vocational School and Catholic School.
- b. Exit survey results samples.
- c. The C&I committee suggested that Principals and Guidance departments of Satz and HHS work out a plan to showcase the HHS.

4. PARCC Score Reports

- a. NJDOE will release scores for 9-12 grades at the end of November.
- b. NJDOE will release scores for 3-8 grades in December.
- c. There are now 5 different levels in score reports, from "Not Yet Meeting Expectations" to "Exceeding Expectations"
- d. Dr. McGarry sent out information to school parents instructing how to read the PARCC report card for their children.

5. Homework Policy Discussion

- The C&I committee reviewed and discussed the current district Policy and Regulation #2330 on Homework, and will continue discussion after receiving recommendations from building administrators.
- Administration is planning to send a survey to the school community in the near future.



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- Since the load of homework is a complex and subjective matter, any parents or students who have concerns with their load of homework, should discuss with their teachers.

Items for Discussion and Board Approval

- 1. Curriculum Guide Revisions**
 - a. Mathematics 7
 - b. Geometry
- 2. Software (Matlab) Approval for Multivariable Calculus**
- 3. Approval of Literacy/Guided Reading Consultant (Indian Hill, 2015-2016)**
 - The Supervisor of Humanities, Mrs. Bellis, was invited to the meeting to share the plans for this initiative.
 - This workshop will be provided to 4th and 5th grade literacy teachers.
 - This workshop will help teachers to develop more teaching strategies, especially during small group time.
 - Providing the tools for teachers to focus on the independent reading level not only the instructional level.
 - The training workshop is funded by NCLB Title II.
- 4. HFEE/PLG Gift of 3 Chromebook Carts to Indian Hill (HFEE-2 Carts, PLG-1 Cart)**

Next meeting: Monday, November 7, 2015, at 12 noon.

Sincerely Submitted,
Chiung-yin Cheng Liu, Chairperson