

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Notes

Wednesday, January 20th, 2016

Board Members: Denise Kline, Dina D'Ambrosi, Vicky Flynn, Ana Vander Woude,

Administrators: Barbara Duncan, Robert McGarry, Marilyn Bellis, Mandie Peart

The Curriculum and Instruction committee met on January 20th to discuss:

- the goals of the C & I committee
- having the non-voting agenda items discussed during new business in order for other board members to review and discuss any questions or concerns they have
- Homework Regulation Revision - revising the teachers, parents and students expectations on page 6 of the 7
- I & R S Training on February 11th, Connie Green from the Jersey Shore Training and Consultants will be presenting. This I & R S training will prepare members of the I & R S/504 teams to identify and address each student's academic, behavioral and health difficulties through the I & R S process and action plans. Participants will learn how to assess and develop intervention strategies in order to comply with I & R S regulations and Section 504 accommodations.
- A donation of a complete package, flexible SAFE T-FENCE for the HS girls Softball team in the amount of \$1,055.00 by our very own John Martinez.
- On the February PD day the administration and all faculty will watch the film "Most Likely to Succeed," a feature-length documentary that examines the history of education, revealing the growing shortcomings of our nation's school model in today's innovative world.
- Also, on this PD day a new **Learning About "Home-work"** Survey Tool will be introduced. This tool is being developed for Individual teacher use so that teachers can learn about their students' experiences with homework in a more comprehensive manner and use data to modify homework strategies and methods.
- Commission on the Use of Assessments Report
- Marilyn Bellis presented the committee with the new placement criteria for Honors English - the new criteria would be to:
 - use last year's aligned assessment (for grades 7-9)
 - administer a current grade level CCSS assessment (for grades 7-9 (with the expectation of the student scoring in the 85th percentile)

-offering the CRWR exam to the 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who want to take it, instead of making it mandatory, a practice we use in the high school

-then offering this exam again in June for the students who did not take it in the spring, but are now eligible to be in honors English

- *updates on District Goals*

- 21st Century Learning*

- Athletics*

- STEM education: Engineering and Technology*

- District Communications*

Our next meeting is TBA