

Minutes - Curriculum and Instruction Committee
September 11, 2007

Present: Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan, Art Albrizio, Barbara Garrity, Karen Strickland, and Ray Tai (by telephone)

Absent: Mary Hartnett

1. The administration reported that they had rejected one exchange student application and accepted another student who began in September. His application met all the criteria in our policy except timelines, which were caused by factors outside the students' control.
2. Art Albrizio indicated he is having a committee review criteria for how students who have exhausted all the courses available at Holmdel High School can access online courses and receive high school credit for them. They will return to the committee with a review of the issues involved.
3. Randy Westrol reported that a group of Holmdel parents are eager to help support the school in founding a boys Lacrosse team. He is interested in pursuing the possibility with the Boards' support for this spring. We need to consider how that will be funded in the coming years.
4. The AP test results are in. Mary Beth is analyzing them and will report at the next meeting. The students in general did very well.
5. How to determine GPA for Valedictorian and Salutatorians. The current policy has been announced in the calendar for the 2007-2008 year; however, discussion is going to begin on changing the policy to using number grades.
6. The Village School report cards have been revised by a committee of teachers. They appear to be more informative.
7. Wilson training is being offered to general education teachers as well as special education teachers.
8. Fourteen curriculums were revised during the summer.
9. Village PSA donated \$29,000 worth of items to enhance programs.
10. Two grants were received by the district. Geraldine R Dodge by Barbara Fehrs and the CAP grant.
11. We are developing a list of items for future discussion and presentations.
 - Grouping at Village School
 - World Language Program
 - Gifted and Talented

- Technology Update
- Test Score Analysis
- Transitions form 8th to 9th
- Developing portfolios and performance based assessments
- Developing rubrics with clear expectations
- GPA Calculation's and weighted grading

Next meeting will be on October 17, 1007 at 5:30 p.m. at Central Office.

Submitted by Karen Strickland
September 20, 2007