

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, December 16, 2008, 5:30 PM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity,
Administrators - Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan, Bill Loughran
Absent: Mary Hartnett, Jerry Burke

Program of Studies:

The Program of Studies for Satz School was reviewed. It will be on January agenda for Board approval.

Art & Music Curriculum:

Bill presented some thoughts for enhancing the visual arts program by restructuring and revising the current offers into tiers ranging from introductory courses to honors and eventually into AP Arts. Some interesting ideas were presented and discussed. The committee has a consensus that more research and discussions should occur before we propose the new program to the whole board. For 2009-2010 school year, we'll focus on the implementation of the new Music Arts program; we'll continue to develop the new Visual Arts program and target its implementation for 2010-2011 school year.

Summer Enrichment Program:

A draft program brochure was reviewed. All courses will either be 1 week or 2 week long. The program will be run from June 29 to August 6, which is the same period as the summer school. This will provide better facility efficiency & also an opportunity to share the nurse services. The program will be on January agenda for Board approval, and be ready to be sent out in late January or early February.

Pre-School Expansion Program:

The State mandates a 5-year rollout plan, and recommends that at least 90% of the universe be covered by year 5 (2013-2014). Since the projected number for Holmdel is very small, our plan is to continue reviewing available programs and devising an implementation plan now through year 1, and start to cover 40% of the universe in year 2, which will be increased to 100% by year 5.

Items for Approval:

3 Curriculum Guides have been reviewed and approved, see C&I agenda for more details.
There are also generous donations from Kiwanis Club & Mr. Shawn Mowery to the "STRIVE" program.

Next Meeting: 5:30pm, 1/21/2009, Central Office Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Ray Tai