

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Notes

Monday, September 19, 2011, 9:45 AM

Attending: Board Members - Ray Tai, Barbara Garrity, Chiung-Yin Cheng Liu, Phyllis Pascucci
Administrators – Mary Beth Currie, Barbara Duncan, Randy Westrol

Items for Discussion/Reports

1. Physical Education and Athletics – Randy Westrol

- Class assignment: assigned by the dept for 9th/10th graders, elective for 11th/12th graders.
- Proj Adventure (high ropes) is only available to 11th/12th graders w/ prerequisite of low ropes.
- Outdoor activities for marking periods 1 & 4, indoors for 2 & 3.
- All get 1 marking period of Health and 3 of PE.
- Driver's Ed is scheduled for 10th graders during 1st/2nd marking periods based on lab day & birthday as much as possible
- Class size varies a lot (15-50+, average 28-30, restricted by Lab days)
- VS/IHS – 3 days of PE + daily recess (20 minutes); Satz/HHS – 5 days.
- Athletics: about same number of boys (12) and girls (13) teams, and we are in Group II now.

2. ESL Plan

- Plan reviewed. C&I recommends approval by the whole board.

3. Fierce Conversations

- The state will be changing the teacher evaluation system to reflect a range of proficiency. To support the administrators and enhance their leadership skills, the strategies addressed in Fierce Conversations will be employed. It was chosen after researching and surveying the field. The administrators used the text during the administrative retreat.
- \$6K for either an in-house training session or to train and certify 2 administrators (Mary Beth and Bill L.) as trainers. The latter is recommended by administration for its long term benefit; two additional administrators (Meryl & Mandie) will also be trained free but not certified. In this package, we also get the training on "Peer Negotiation" free (at a later date). The cost will be paid by NCLB fund to enhance the administrators' leadership skills.
- C&I supports this and recommend the approval by the whole board.

4. Policy Review of 3000 section

- To be reviewed at a separate C&I meeting: 6-7pm, 9/21/11, Wednesday, Satz.

Items for Approval:

C&I reviewed the following items and recommends their approval:

1. Curriculum Guides

Algebra 1
Algebra 1A
Algebra 1B
AP Biology
AP Statistics
Business and Personal Law
College Biology/LAB – Dual Enrollment
Forensic Science
Honors Algebra 2

Honors Spanish 4
 Language Arts Literacy: Reading Gr. 2
 Language Arts Literacy: Reading Gr. 3
 Language Arts Literacy: Reading Gr. 4
 Language Arts Literacy: Reading Gr. 5
 Language Arts Literacy: Reading Gr. 6
 Language Arts Literacy: Writing Gr. 5
 Language Arts Literacy: Writing Gr. 6
 Mathematics, Gr. K
 Mathematics, Gr. 1
 Mathematics, Gr. 2
 Physics
 Social Studies, Gr. 2
 Social Studies, Gr. 5
 Social Studies, Gr. 6
 Technology, Gr. 7
 Technology, Gr. 8

2. **New Textbook**

Title: World History: Ancient Civilizations Through the Renaissance
 Publisher: Holt McDougal
 Course: Social Studies, Gr. 6
 Cost: \$65.25 per book (270 books needed)

3. **Donation**

a) Non Monetary donation from High School PTSO for the following items:

3 PUP954-WL6-6' Personalized Central Park Bench, Blue	\$3,697.80
4 Digital Sound Field Systems for classroom use	\$7,255.62
Grand Total	\$10,953.42

b) PSA non-monetary donation to Village School

Reader's Workshop Supplies	\$8,457.12
Student Durables	\$4,968.60
Smart Board	\$2,600.00
Laminating Machine and Supplies	\$2,169.62
FM System	\$4,911.56
Entrance Mat for Kindergarten Doorway	\$1,400.94
Grand Total	\$24,507.84

Next Meetings:

10:30am, 10/17/2011 (Monday), HHS Upper Library Conference Room
 10:30am, 11/14/2011 (Monday), HHS Upper Library Conference Room
 10:30am, 12/05/2011 (Monday), HHS Upper Library Conference Room

Respectfully submitted,
 Ray Tai