

Curriculum and Instruction Committee Notes
September 19, 2016

Administration: Gary Goldberg, Dr. McGarry,
Board Members: Denise Kline, Ana Vander Woude, Vicky Flynn

Items discussed:

- Grading for Grade 7 and 8 courses in choir and band (make the courses graded more like HS)
- Discussion on video material in relation to lesson plans
- Approval of textbook: Law for Business and Personal Use (we discussed a title change for this course)
- World Language Cycle in Grade 7: discussed the possibility of having a course of all languages and culture. In this structure, 7th graders would take each foreign language offered for 25 to 30 consecutive days through the year.
- Discussion of Trade Book Approval form
- Discussed the possibility of placing Mindfulness into Health to assist with addressing student stress and teen suicide issues. Jennifer Plocinski help in the process of integrating elements of mindfulness into our health and phys ed program. This would be a pilot that may be undertaken in the 2nd semester that could, if successful expand next year.
- Curriculum Guide Reviews
- Professional Development--looking at co-teaching and found we can benefit from more training
- Highlighter PD area that week was focusing on Words Walls and Picture Walks
- Title 1 flyer for parent meeting and location is on the website and a flyer also went home with the students
- MAP FAQ's: the test is meant to inform teachers what the child is ready to learn and is not designed to frustrate them.

DONATIONS: Indian Hill School PLG--non-monetary donation of \$11,510.25

Village School PSA--non-monetary donation of \$1,000.00

Miscellaneous items:

- Orthopaedic Associates requested a letter from us approving their associates to perform services at our athletic games.
- Discussed an organization's desire to sponsor a student trip to China
- Discussed the different mascots at each school. Should we have only one? And which one would it be?
- Discussed the use of cellphones in the high school

Our next meeting will be on October 14th at 9:30 a.m.