

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Agenda

March 20, 2017

5:00 P.M.

Attendance: Dr. Melissa Varley, Charles Shanley, Yvonne Cali, Christy O'Connor, & Brian Silkensen

Curriculum:

1. **Approve** the K-8 Standards-based Report Cards
 - A. Report Card Committee was comprised of administrators and teachers from each building
 - B. Consistent with high achieving districts standards-based report cards
 - C. Standards connect to the Running Records assessments that are currently being administered.
 - D. Report Card will show the benchmark reading level per trimester, so parents can understand the how their child is performing.
 - E. Report Cards will provide detailed information on the student's progress

2. **Approve** Denis Sheeran as math consultant for the 2017-2018 School Year.
 - A. Denis Sheeran is the Supervisor of Mathematics for Chatham School District
 - B. Author of the book: *Instant Relevance: Using Today's Experiences to Teach Tomorrow's Lessons*
 - C. Proposed to conduct 10 math workshops with the 4th - 8th Grade Teachers
 - D. Tasks:
 - a. Work with our teachers on:
 - i. Analyzing data
 - ii. Differentiation
 - iii. SAMR Model
 - iv. Assessments
 - v. Performance Tasks
 - b. Model the instruction by conducting demos with our students, so teachers can see the strategies implemented
 - c. Look through our curriculum and materials to make recommendations to administration and the Board of Education.

3. **Approve** Dr. Elizabeth Matheis to perform training on "The Impact of Social Media on Tweens" at Brooklake Elementary School.

4. Revised summer reading assignments
 - A. Aligned the summer reading assignments with the Reading Workshop Approach
 - B. Students generally drop at least two reading levels over the summer
 - C. Assignments were designed to prevent the drop in reading levels
 - D. Assignments were created with all ELA teachers across the district
 - E. Assignments are developmentally appropriate for grade level and reading level

5. Projecto Science Open House Flyer.pdf
 - A. STEM Summer Program for upcoming 8th Grade students
 - a. New Jersey City University offers this program and conducts the program at East Hanover Middle School
 - b. 3 Summer Program

- c. Courses in the first summer
 - i. Algebra
 - ii. Biology I: Life Science
 - iii. Physics I
 - iv. Computer Science
 - v. Bottle Rocket Competition
- d. Cost
 - i. Parent pays \$500 for the first year
 - ii. The second and third year is free

6. Genesis Student Information System

- A. Dr. Varley is looking into the possibility of changing the student information system for Florham Park, which would save the district \$10,000.