

## Curriculum Committee Meeting

June 19, 2017

5:00 P.M.

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

### **Curriculum:**

1. **Approve**, that New Horizons offer three scholarships to the students of the Florham Park School district for their 2017 summer program.
2. STEM Lab Update
  - a. The completed STEM Lab Curriculum will be presented to the Board Members for the July Curriculum Meeting.
  - b. Scheduling
    - i. Combining computers and with I/A Tech classes
    - ii. STEM Lab will be for ½ the year
  - c. Combining programming with engineering concepts
  - d. John Henry from the NJ School Boards came to Ridgedale to evaluate and provide recommendations
    - i. Will send rough copy of the curriculum next week to gain his input
  - e. Consulted with multiple districts to gain input on established programs
  - f. Design Model
    - i. Each grade level will complete 2 real-world problem-based activities
      1. 1 Focused on Engineering
        - a. Elements of Programming will still be used
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    - ii. Design Model Structure
      1. Identify and Research
      2. Brainstorming Ideas
      3. Prototyping and Fabrication
      4. Testing and Redesign
3. Summer Reading Assignments
  - a. The reading assignments were modified based on community concerns on the amount of work.
  - b. Parent Meeting held on Tuesday, June 20 at 7:00 to answer questions and provide information on the Summer Assignment.
  - c. The summer assignments will not be included in the student's grades. They will be used to reinforce skills from the previous year, prevent the summer slide, determine areas in need and to provide the students and parents feedback.
  - d. The hyperlink above will take you to the Math and Reading Summer Assignments.
4. Christy O'Connor's BSI/Leadership Update
  - a. Click on the hyperlink for the presentation notes.

