

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 16TH, 2022 @ 7:00PM

Board Members Present: P. Reddy, Chair | E. Urbanski | K. Tuccillo | T. Wall
Administrators Present: J. Charney, Interim Assistant Superintendent|, A. Lamoglia, Director of Special Services

Meeting Location: Virtual

The committee met virtually on Wednesday, February 16th, at 7:00pm for its Curriculum and Instruction/Special Services Committee Meeting. The following agenda items were discussed.

Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval

1. [Approval of Out-of-District Travel. District Personnel:](#) Reviewed various professional development & conferences district staff will be attending. Most are in person!
2. **Approval of Student Trips** Reviewed trips from robotics team to the chess team to the Phila Zoo for our IH students to Poricy Park in Middletown for our 3rd grade classes. Nice to see this list growing each month.
3. [Summer Step of 2022 Program](#) Discussed in length the 6 week summer step up program. Includes ESL K-7; Literacy grades 1-3, 4-6, 7-10; Math 1-3, 4/5, 6-8, 9-12 (Algebra I, AP Primer for chemistry, Stem courses etc). Also offering a Performing Arts Summer camp for grades 5-12. K-6 at IH. 7-12 at HS complex. 2 sessions. 9-11am & 1-3pm. Goal is to review content, reinforce skills & preview concepts for the upcoming year. Contact Karen Bennett, Summer Step Up Coordinator at kbennett@holmdelschools.org with any questions you may have. Courses offered will depend on interest.
4. [Changing the length of the Engineering Class at Satz](#) Recommendation to change length of the engineering class from a semester to a quarter due to reducing enrollment. 3 year evaluation shows 712 have registered for game design vs 130 engineering. Expect the change to drive enrollment higher as it will give students more choices. Currently it is the only elective class offered as a semester class.
5. [Approval of Board Policy on Gifted Talented Services \(SGTEA compliance\)](#) Reviewed Gifted & talented policy to stay in compliance.
6. [Approval of Board Policy on Grade Level Acceleration](#) Reviewed grade level acceleration policy. Note: very rare to see grade level acceleration in the district.
7. [English Language Learner 3 Year Plan 2021-2024](#) Discussed plan for English language learner. 7=6 teachers certified to teach. 1 actually teaches.
8. [Summer Band Camp](#) discussed Band Camp to be held in mid-August at Satz/HS complex. Grades 5-12 band 5-6 Choir. Dr Riso, Ms Nigro, Mrs McCarthy, Dr Devivo. Ms OHara to run. Students can do both choir & band. Musical Theater. Cost TBD.
9. [Proposed Calendar 2022-2023 School Year](#) Discussed at length the school calendar.
10. [Approval of books to discard](#) discussed discarding of old books. 339 in total are in very poor shape. Not used.
11. [Acceptance of HYAA letter of intent to purchase Volleyball System for HHS](#)
12. [Approval of Title 1, Part A Funded Salaries. 2021/2022 School Year](#) Reviewed Title I funding for various teachers in the district.

Special Services

1. Home/Hospital Instruction
2. Approval of Student Placement
3. Approval of Extended School Year Program 2022 reviewed this program which is slated to run June 27- Aug 8th. Pre-k -12. 8:30-12:30pm.

New Business:

1. [Lesson Plans:](#) No significant update on lesson plans. Supposed to happen in January but not started as of yet.
2. [NJSLA passing score:](#) Discussed passing scores which have been lowered.
3. [NJPGA parent letter](#)
4. [Summer Step Up Changes flier](#) Discussed the step up program as discussed above.
5. [Learning Centers attendance](#) Discussed the learning centers which recently started. 100+ HS students started. 15 attended 1 one time. 9 attended two times & 39 still attending daily. Funded by Esser funds.
6. [Evaluation Cycle 1 and 2 data. Danielson data](#) Reviewed Danielson eval data across the district. Ratings across the 2 years show a decline which is a better representation of where the evals should be.
7. [Sex Ed.](#) A long discussion on the Sex ED topic took place. Biggest item to report is parent can request exemption from any specific piece of the curriculum. A FAQ document was developed to answer a number of questions that

were posed on this topic. Administration will ensure that document is posted on the district website. Letters went home to K-6 students as well as 7-12 students.

8. [School Starting Times](#) School start times discussed. Additional research to be done to see if this is something the district will seriously look into.

Items to Discuss

1. Items for the Good of the Order
2. Placement Testing for Math and ELA- are special education/504 accommodations being considered? (i.e. Extended time)
3. Discussed special education audit now that we have new committee formed and new Director.
4. Questions about why does PreK start one week later? Is this same/equal to peers when rest go for 180 days
5. Class Sizes: didn't get to spend much time on this but plan is to do district wide look at average class sizes. Was in low 20s & seems to have moved up to close to 25+.

Next Meeting is tentatively scheduled for March 23rd, 5pm.