

HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION/SPECIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING NOTES
MARCH 31ST, 2022 @ 4:45PM

Board Members Present: P. Reddy, Chair; E. Urbanski; K. Tuccillo; T. Wall (phone)
Administrators Present: Scott Cascone - Spdt; J. Charney - Interim Asst Spdt, A. Lamoglia, Director of Special Services; Denise Wrubel - Supervisor of G&T and Supplemental Services
Meeting Location: Board of Education office

The committee met in person on Thursday, March 31st at 4:45pm 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 list of teachers & staff attending various conferences.
2. Approval of Student Trips Reviewed school trips planned in the 4 district schools.
3. [Approval of State Testing Security Policy HTSD](#) Reviewed policy on state testing for our district. Mandatory item.
4. [Approval of Grade Level Acceleration: Policy 2465](#) Reviewed policy on grade level acceleration. This was discussed in February meeting as well. Note that this has applied to very few students in the recent past.
5. [Approval of Gifted and Talented Students: Policy 2464](#) Reviewed policy on gifted & talented students. 2nd reading.
6. [Dual Enrollment Update](#) Reviewed dual enrollment program we recently put in place with Stockton College. This is retroactive to January 2022. Course is an independent study engineering course. \$400. 4 credits. If you have any questions, please email Caren MacConnell at cmacconnell@holmdelschools.org
7. [Approval of Donation of books from The Village School PSA](#) Generous donation of books from Village School PSA. Assortment of science, social studies, fiction etc.
8. [Approval of Amended Appointment, Supplemental Support, Before and After School, 2021/2022 School Year](#) Reviewed staff appointments for before & after school programs. Funded by Title I Esser II funds.
9. [Approval of Appointment, Summer Step Up Program Support Staff, 2022/2023 School Year](#) Reviewed staff appointments for before & after school programs. Funded by Title I Esser II funds.
10. [Approval of Appointment, Summer Step Up Program Nurses, 2022/2023 School Year](#) Reviewed staff appointments for before & after school programs. Funded by Title I Esser II funds. Nurses required at each school during these programs.
11. [Approval to begin a Chapter of the National Honors Society of Dance Arts at Holmdel High School](#) Reviewed request by Mrs Shannon O'Hara to start a National Honors Society of Dance Arts at Holmdel HS. Great opportunity for 11th & 12th grade students that have a strong interest in dance.

Special Services

1. [Home/Hospital Instruction](#) Reviewed list of students receiving home/hospital based instruction.
2. Approval of Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Services Reviewed list of student placement
3. Approval of Revised Community Based Instruction (CBI) and Structured Learning Experiences (SLE) locations for the 2021/2022 School Year Reviewed updated CBI & SLE locations for this school year.
4. [Platforms Used](#) Amanda LoMoglia, new Special Services Dir is reviewing all the platforms we have in district to identify those that aren't being used anymore, those that could provide additional benefit & should be used more. Excellent exercise to ensure the district isn't wasting tax payer \$ on unused programs.
5. [First Read Care of Injured and Illness: Policy 8441](#)
7. Approval of Student Placement
8. [Approval of Social Worker Services](#)

New Business:

1. [Testing Times](#) Reviewed testing times for grades 1-12. Excellent information. In Summary 5th & 8th grades spend the most time testing. The high end of testing totals 3+ days (1,140 minutes/19 hours). Low end (1st grade) totals 360 minutes/6 hours).

Test include NJSS (4-12), MAP (1-6 3 times a year), Link-it (7-12), Inner Orbit (6-8), NJGPA (11th), NJSLA- ELA Spring (3-9), NJSLA – Math Spring (3-9), NJSLA Science Spring (5,8, 11)

2. **Satz Media Center Website** [website](#) Reviewed new Satz Media Website that Dr. S.Tetreault oversaw & is managing.
3. **Learning Center update** Received update on the learning programs that have been going on for the last few months. Have made great progress as 31 of 46 students are now passing. This program has literally saved a number of students who were in a very bad spot. Great success story. Plan is to keep this program in place so we can continue to help students who are struggling.
4. **Ready Math pilot:** Indian Hill i-Ready data_Long discussion on Ready Math pilot. 4-6th grade. 2 teachers per grade. I-Ready shows if meeting grade level. MAP shows if students are exceeding grade level. Discussion to continue on this topic as we get additional feedback from all stakeholders.
5. **LinkIt parent letter (Fingertip Report)** [Letter](#) Link-it letter sent to all parents. If there are questions parents are urged to contact building principals so they can discuss their child's results.
6. **Best Elementary Schools in Monmouth Co.** ([Link](#)) Niche rated Village school was rated #4 school in Monmouth Cty. Niche rated Indian Hill was rated #5 school in Monmouth County. Sea Girt, Roosevelt (80 students) & Spring Lake were rated #1-3. Well done Village & IH schools!

Other items to keep on the C&I Radar:

1. [School Starting Times](#) School start times discussed. Additional research to be done to see if this is something the district will seriously look into.
2. **Class Sizes:** Need to review class sizes specifically for grades K-6. Sizes were in low 20s & seems sizes may have crept up.
3. **SAT Scores:** Need to provide average SAT scores for the district when they are announced.
4. **Vo-Tech acceptances:** Need to provide Board list of students who were accepted to Monmouth County Vo techs this year. Need to do compare to last 3 years so we can track the trend.
5. **College Acceptances:** Need to ensure the district communicates to public all the colleges our Seniors have been accepted to.

**Next meeting date: Tentatively
Tuesday 4/26 @ 5:30pm**