

# Curriculum and Instruction Committee

## Meeting Notes

5:00, March 28, 2017

Holmdel High School Media Center Seminar Room F

### 1. Curriculum

- Career Pathways @ HHS

*The final brochure was shared with the committee.*

*After much discussion, we will be offering the brochure to all HS students to help guide them through thoughts.*

- Advanced Levels

*Plans for increasing expectations at the regular level of math classes in Grades 5 through 8 will begin with a continuation of the focused professional development on differentiating instruction and using small group activities to provide teachers with tools to teach to different levels of students in the same class.*

- Advanced Levels Criteria

*The letter for parents detailing the reasons for the change in the application process, the sequence of events and timelines was shared for feedback.*

### 2. Instruction

- Wordly Wise Studies

*The 7<sup>th</sup> grade action research study has been aborted.*

*The Benchmark series being piloted in Grades K to 6 utilizes word harvesting from authentic literature for vocabulary study instead of lists of random words.*

- Evaluation Data

*Average score for each round shared*

- School schedules

*Discussion included longer class periods to facilitate small group, differentiated instruction, and focus in staffing to address class size issues where they exist.*

### 3. Assessment

- MAP Winter assessment data

*Initial performance growth measures were shared.*

*A discussion of methods to address the issue of lower performing students not showing strong gains was engaged*

### 4. Professional Development

- March 17 Full PD Day program

*The program offerings were reviewed. The sessions were popular and well received.*

### 5. Donations

- HFEE, Satz Music Lab funds
- Holmdel Community Garden, Plantings for Satz Courtyard

### 6. Miscellaneous

- Parent University activities

*The Google Tools program on March 16 session was lightly attended but very well received. A showing of the documentary Screenagers is scheduled for April 5th at 7:30 in the HHS Auditorium. This is being provided through a partnership with The New School of Monmouth County and A Child's Place*

- Summer Academic Enrichment Program

*Four STEM kits targeting various ages were shared as preliminary choices. One for each of the 4-day instructional programs.*

**7. Next Meeting:** April 18, 2017, 6:00 PM at Satz