



HOLMDEL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Attending Board Members: Lori Ammirati-chair, Eileen Briamonte, Jamie Collins,
Chiung Yin Liu

Administrators: Robert McGarry, Meryl Gill, Dineen Seely, Alicia Farese, Alicia Killean, Caren MacConnell, Jennifer Riggi, Brian Schillaci, Eric Swenson, and Denise Wrubel

Curriculum & Instruction/Special Services Board Office Conference Room December 12, 2019 @ 3:15 PM

Superintendent's Recommendations for Approval

1. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, District Personnel
2. Approval of Out-of-District Travel, Non-Public
3. Approval of Student Field Trips
4. Approval of Assessment Writing and Revisions
5. Approval of New Courses
6. Approval of Home Instruction
7. Additional SLE Location
8. Approval of the 2019/2020 Nursing Plan
9. Approval and Submission of Individuals with Disabilities Education Act Carry Over Amendment
10. Approval of Student Teachers/Clinical Practice/Observations/Field Experience
11. Approval of Internships
12. Approval of Student Placements
13. Approval of Tuition Contract Amendment
14. Approval of Language Arts Literacy Pilot
15. Approval of Goalbook/Toolkit and Pathways Pilot
16. ESEA Grant

The committee reviewed and approved for recommendation the above items.

Items to Discuss

1. New Business
 - a. HHS POS
2020-2021 Changes have been made in many sections-some of the highlights are:
New updated courses designed for our new Engineering wing
Student/teacher requested Art History course, Honors Advanced Research for Humanities, and SAT/ACT prep class in the Humanities and Mathematics section.
Updated prerequisites in the Math and Science section
Improvements to Option II for Athletics such as the option to be taken by the semester.
LLD courses expanded to the next level of study.

New courses, such as AP Music Theory and Playwriting added to the Visual and Performing Arts section

Please see all changes and additions in the POS on the HHS website.

- b. Internships/Mentoring Survey for the Class of 2021
About 85% of the junior class expressed interest in taking part in an internship/mentorship program during their senior year. The majority of them being in the Engineering, Healthcare, Science, and Technology areas. Our next steps are to identify and hire a person to make connections, identify locations, conduct inspections for our SLE's.
- c. College Placement Standardized Scores- the committee was provided with mean test data scores but a discussion did not follow since administration indicated a complete presentation would be given in January.

2. Old Business

- a. Mindful Schools Enrollment Cohort II-Last year Cohort I was trained in Mindfulness and we are now able to start training a second Cohort(25 additional teachers across all 4 schools) while continuing PD for Cohort I
- b. MCVSD Parent Survey-no discussion/time limitations so the survey draft was a shared document with a request for feedback. Administration asked for feedback before it will be sent out this winter.
- c. **School Rankings Discussion**
 - NJDOE data collection- Administration shared where many of the Statewide and National Publishers access their information. Some interesting points to note were that much of the data is relative to the time when it was collected by the State, which includes the latest scores rather than the top scores of the students. Also, Standardized test scores of a K-8 school as opposed to a K-12 can be misleading. For example, in a class like Algebra I, only the highest performing, honors level students would be taking this course in a K-8 District. So their proficiency would be much higher since only high performing/honors level students are participating as middle schoolers.
 - Differentiated Instruction Discussion/Update-time restrictions/not discussed/next agenda
- d. AP Achievement Summary-no discussion-time restraints therefore a discussion will be included in the follow-up standardized assessment presentation this January or February.
- e. ELA Gr. 3-5 Scores-Ms. Farese explained that as a transition year it is sometimes difficult for students to make that jump so we are putting in place benchmark literacy assessments to address any issues. We are also moving towards a standards based report card.

3. Items for the Good of the Order

- a. NJSLA Science Assessment Information Update-No information received as of yet. There will be a full presentation to the board in January or February.
- b. NJSLA Adoption in 2020 - All Disciplines will have new standards with the exception of Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics. This summer Curricula revisions will begin in 2 Disciplines which will be determined by the State.

Attendance at the Fall Sports Awards at HHS was discussed. Parents reached out to the committee and noted poor attendance, particularly for football. Concerns were raised since creating a positive culture as motivation was focused on this year. Poor attendance in supporting seniors and Victory with Honor winners does not create team unity. Administration will follow up.

4. Next meeting date: January 23, 2020 3:15 PM (Tentative)