

Curriculum Council
Minutes from Dec. 16, 2010

11 present

Minutes from 10/21/2010 approved with no corrections

1. New Course Offerings:
 - a. Digital Electronics- This is the 4th course of PLTW. Proposal sheet distributed to all. Concern noted was that this might call for a .2 increase in staffing but there is a possibility that the staffing will come from an elective course decrease. Other costs were addressed by Lynn G. She stated that she budgeted for all supplies and materials for this course. This course will not replace any core courses at TZHS. It was recommended that TZHS staff bridge to SOMS to introduce program earlier on.
 - b. Chinese II – 1st level was launched this year with success. Funding is from the FLAP grant. We also launched .2 Russian on VHS. Mrs. Kwan will also teach this level and she is writing curriculum for this course now so it will be ready for the fall. This class is open to freshman.
2. Virtual high School has 25 seats. 11 students successfully completed the first semester. Concerns were raised re: financial impact to sustain involvement in this program. Lynn discussed current financial commitments and that the FLAP grant covers the cost. Next year with the Race to the Top and FLAP grant expiring, we will be able to “analyze cost” of VHS so at budget time next year we would know the critical impacts of these new courses.
3. Rosemary P. urges all members of the council to speak to their local government officials re: the financial cost of the race to The Top and the effects of the Property Tax Cap.
4. Special Education
 - a. Michelle Fenster discussed the SE survey results and update on the review cycle.
 - b. Rubric for placement in the continuum was discussed. Should resources be added for Twice-Exceptional students? Michelle will bring back discussions to Leadership Team and share the final rubric when complete with Curriculum Council.
 - c. Michelle F. discussed the information that was available in the website to assist parents. Discussion regarding how parents can find out about 504 services was discussed.
5. Lynn distributed Proposal to revise Curriculum Review Timeline and process
6. George discussed the District-Wide Technology Committee purpose, members and meeting dates.