SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council
Minutes
February 23, 2010

Attending Members: L. Gorey, R. Pitruzzella, E. Bolan, B. Lee, M. Jones, E. Howell Scotson, S. Beglin, M. Ouderkirk, P. Hess, E. Armaniaco, S. Sorrentino, D. Kramarczyk, K. Tesik, M. Fenster

Attending Guests: B. Culot, J. Ardizone, M. Root

Absent Members: V. Caramante, L. Borruso, T. Peterson, D. Stangel-Plowe, Y. Bong Ko, M. Premus

1. French Textbooks – Presented by Mary Root on behalf of SOMS and TZHS. Review of current textbooks and new textbooks was shared. The council supported the adoption of these new textbooks for 2010-2011 school year. The proposal will now be brought to the Board of Education.

2. New Elective Course Proposal – Strength and Conditioning – James Ardizone. A discussion of a new potential elective took place. The course is not being proposed for next year so the council asked some questions for future discussion. If the course is proposed for next year, we would ask for a formal proposal including any costs associated with the class. The Council would also like to know the process by which the students will be selected.

3. Academic Center – Revision for Tappan Zee High School presented by Ed Bolan. The structure of the Academic Center will be revisited to align with the South Orangetown Middle School model. This change will affect grade 9 students only for 2010 – 2011 school year. The effectiveness of the change will be evaluated.

4. Community and Student Survey – Data presented by Lynn Gorey. The information was shared. Discussion was focused primarily on the student data. A meeting will be held at the high school where Dr. Mitchell and Lynn Gorey will share the results of the survey with the students.

5. FLAP Update – Presented by Lynn Gorey.

   a. Chinese course is up and running at Tappan Zee High School – 22 students.

   b. Russian course has been created to be offered through Virtual High School Consortium 2010-2011 school year.

c. SOCSD has joined the Virtual High School Consortium. We are training a site coordinator. We have developed a course catalog and shared the catalog offerings with the students. We have conducted information sessions with students. Student registration for 2010 – 2011 courses will take place in April.

d. Rosetta Stone licenses have been purchased. Training will take place on March 19th for all foreign language teachers. ESL teachers and the elementary teachers who are serving on our Social Studies Leadership Team.

e. We are in the final stages of planning for the high school language lab. Lab will be open September 2010.

f. Project Global Connect Community Network has been created and their first meeting is March 4th. Project Global Connect Community Network is a partnership that is going to be formed between our school district and representatives from community groups, universities, business and other agencies interested in working with our district on matters related to our Foreign Language Assistance Program grant.

NEXT MEETING: April 20, 2010
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
SOMS Library

Tentative Agenda

- Consultant Teacher Model for grades 6, 10, and 11.
- Revised schedules for WOS, TZE, CLE and SOMS.