

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Council
December 11, 2008
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Attending members: Mary Ouderkirk, Elizabeth Howell Scotson, Helen Nelson,
Catherine Ascolese, Elayne Armaniaco, Michelle Jones, Mary Chaudoir,
Deena Bollinger, YuBong Ko, Marisa Premus, Nora Polansky, Bill Lee,
Ed Bolan, Lynn Gorey, Rosemary Pitruzzella, Michele Fenster

Guests: Sheila Silverman, Nick DeSantis, Allison Meyers, Brian Newburger,
Cindy Pardo, Mary Ryker

1. Introduction to Biomedical Course – Lynn Gorey

Project Lead the Way has created courses that align with biomedical careers. Our District is exploring the possibility of bringing these courses to our students. No formal proposal is in place at this time.

2. New High School Courses

- a. *Nick DeSantis: Course II – Project Lead the Way: Principles of Engineering* was proposed for next year. Based on the numbers of students in the Introduction to Engineering classes (67), we would probably be running two Principles of Engineering classes next year. The high school would be eliminating the current CAD course.
- b. *Allison Meyers: TV Production II* – This would be the next step for those serious students who now have the basic skills to do more complicated production work. No additional staffing would be needed. (The staffing would come from a .2 reduction in current offerings.)
- c. *Environmental Elective: Brian Newburger* – This would be a new Science elective. The staffing would come from the .8 that is current in the budget for Science electives.

3. Honors Option Follow Up: TZHS

- a. *TZHS Honors Committee* has met several times. They reviewed the data from the student survey. The group came to consensus that the 9th grade program needs to be enhanced for high-level students. The outcome in each department might be different, but there will be formal recommendations from each department by the February 25, 2009 Curriculum Council meeting
- b. *SOMS Update*: Honors sections in Math will continue.