

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum Council December 8, 2009

Attending: Members: L. Gorey, R. Pitruzzella, M. Fenster, L. Borruso, V. Caramante, S. Beglin, E. Armaniaco, M. Jones, Y. Ko, W. Lee, M. Ouderkirk, M. Premus, S. Sorrentino, E. Howell Scotson, B. Culot, K. Tesik, E. Bolan, D. Stangel-Plowe, D. Kramarczyk

Absent Members: P. Hess, T. Peterson

Visitors: S. Silverman, J. Gevargis, E. Young, J. Benecke

1. Paperwork

The Council discussed the use of a New Program Proposal form. There were suggested revisions to the form we had previously used. The form will be revised based on these suggestions and will be required for all future proposals. (form attached)

2. Textbook Adoption

Jeanne Benecke presented the textbooks proposed for use in the Integrated Algebra courses Grade 8 and 9; Integrated Geometry and Integrated Algebra/Trigonometry. These proposals were accepted by the Council. The next step in the process is to bring this proposal to the BOE.

3. New Course

Applications in Geometry (see attached).

4. Update on Clusters

Dr. Lee, Mr. Culot and Mrs. Tesik gave an overview on cluster classes at grades 3-8. Mrs. Tesik also described a proposed new aspect of the gifted/talented clusters which would be a support group led by counselors and psychologists.

5. Update on Virtual High School

Lynn presented a PowerPoint presentation on e-learning and Virtual High School. Juliet gave an update on the Tappan Zee High School proposed plan for 2010-2011. The major components of the plan are:

Year I: 2009-10

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| 1. Join Virtual High School consortium - | 2009/10 |
| 2. Pay for site coordinator training - | 2009/10 |
| 3. Hire .2 teacher to create Virtual HS - | 2009/10 |
| Russian Course - | |
| Total amount 2009/10 - | <u>\$22,500.00</u> - from FLAP Grant |

Year II

Our district will be entitled to register 25 students per semester in Virtual High School courses. The high school has determined which courses will be offered. The courses will be offered to 12th and 11th graders.

- An application is being created.
- Information sessions will be held for students January and March 2010. Students will register for classes April 2010 under the guidance of the site coordinator.
- During the 2010/11 school year, the site coordinator will follow up on a continuous basis with all students enrolled in the Virtual High School classes.
- During the 2010/11 school year, the district will attempt to add another .2 teacher to the project to develop either a Korean or Japanese course. This will be based on the needs assessed by Virtual High School.
- Year II: estimated cost \$33,500.00 paid from FLAP.
- Year III: estimated cost \$33,000.00 paid from FLAP.

**Next Meeting: February 23, 2010
4:00 pm – 6:00 pm
SOMS Library**