

# SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Curriculum Council December 19, 2006

### Minutes

Attendees: Lynn Gorey, Rosemary Pitruzzella, Paula Leavey, Catherine Ascolese, Ed Bolan, Nick Megdanis, Deena Bollinger, Jeanne Palumbo, Elizabeth Howell Scotson, Judy Pocalyko, Rebecca Williams, Sara Tucker, YuBong Ko, Kerry Houlihan, Bill Lee, Nora Polansky

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1. Wellness Update: Information shared. A suggestion was made to send out an e-mail when the website is updated.
2. BLT Reports:
  - a. WOS/TZE/CL: Focus is on updating playgrounds and improving bus behavior. SOCES PTA is working on a fundraising plan for playgrounds. Other ongoing topics include: safety and character education.
  - b. SOMS: Focus is on improving outdoor recess area with more basketball courts, benches and more blacktop. SOMS PTA will be exploring fundraising.
  - c. TZHS: Focus areas include:
    - i. drug and alcohol education
    - ii. mini-courses "senioritis." Future presentation at Curriculum Council
    - iii. progress report comments.

The Council asked the BLT's to talk about homework. Questions to consider are: Is homework completion a problem for some students? How are homework issues addressed at different grades? How can homework be more interesting and valuable as far as learning is concerned?

BLT reps will be asked to come back at the end of the year. We will also bring BLT minutes to Curriculum Council for updates and responses to homework questions.

3. New Course Proposals were reviewed. Feedback was positive in support of both courses: Intermediate Math and Television Production/Broadcast Journalism.

Question was raised about Technology and how we might update these programs. Our administrative team is working on this and will bring proposed ideas to the February meeting.

Agenda: February 6, 2007  
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

- a. Technology possibilities
- b. Update on Math Regents proposal for 2007 – 2008 and 2008 – 2009.
- c. Other?

Please e-mail any topics you would like discussed.