

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Council
October 18, 2007

Minutes

Attending: Lynn Gorey, Rosemary Pitruzzella, Ed Bolan, Dr William Lee,
Nora Polansky, Jeanne Palumbo, Judy Pocalyko, Elayne Armaniaco,
Paula Leavey, Deena Bollinger, Sara Tucker, YuBong Ko, Elizabeth Scotson

I. BLT Priorities: ECP, WOS, TZE, CL, SOMS, TZHS

WOS:

- Playgrounds (fundraisers through the Educational Foundation). Games were added onto the blacktop at WOS over the Summer (Girl Scout Troop donated).

TZE:

- Playgrounds – Fundraisers by building
- Community service

CL:

- Playgrounds – Launching a fundraiser “Are you smarter than a 5th grader?”

SOMS:

- Playgrounds – Raised \$1,400 last year for basketball hoops and tables. SOMS PTA gifted additional money for the playground project.
- Handbook for the Music Department (created and handed out to parents already)
- 2:30 – 3:30: Opening up food in cafeteria
- Question of bringing “string bags” from class to class
- Honors classes - ELA

TZHS:

- New comments were generated for report cards
- Introduction of Science Honors
- Open enrollment in Honors
- Turn it in.com
- Class size
- Grand opening of new spaces
- Opting out: Parents are looking at the issue and bringing information. Suggestion was to use e-mail blast.

II. **Update on Integrated Algebra Regents 2007 – 2008.** The last administration of the Math A Regents will be January 2008, not June 2008. This change precipitated a conversation this Summer and September with the Math Departments (SOMS & TZHS). Last year our teachers participated in a Rockland County collaborative curriculum writing project (Integrated Algebra: 2 SOMS, 2 TZHS teachers). The high school staff had developed an Integrated Algebra curriculum which they enhanced with the County curriculum. Therefore, we felt we were ready to move to the Integrated Algebra course and Regents this year. Letters went home to all parents and students who were in the Integrated Algebra classes at SOMS & TZHS that explained why the Regents would be administered this year.

III. **Curriculum Review Cycle** was reviewed and discussed

IV. **Future topics for upcoming meeting:**

December 13, 2007

Technology/Project Lead The Way
New Courses?
Opting out