

SOUTH ORANGETOWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Curriculum Council

November 8, 2006

SOMS Library

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Minutes

Attendees: Lynn Gorey, Michele Fenster, Kerry Houlihan, Bill Lee, Ed Bolan, Marianne Zarcadoolas, Paula Leavey, Julia Pocalyko, YuBong Ko, Sara Tucker, Catherine Ascolese, Elizabeth Howell Scotson, Rosemary Pitruzzella, Deena Bollinger

Absent: Rebecca Williams, Jeanne Palumbo, Elayne Armaniaco, WOS Parent rep

1. Discussion
 - What is the role of Curriculum Council?
 - What can we do to help enhance student achievement?
2. Things To Consider
 - a. How are we looking at data?
 - b. What's working? What do we need to look at?
 - c. What is cutting edge in education? How do we approach instructional technology?
 - d. How do we facilitate K-12 articulation through Curriculum Council?
3. Parents reported that they are responsible to send an e-mail to PTA reps after each meeting.
4. Reports
 - a. AIP data at SOMS – report attached
 - b. TZHS report – report attached
 - c. Systemic approach to school improvement – draft of our Collaborative Inquiry Process for reviewing data – report attached
5. Homework Discussion

Based on the AIP report which indicated that homework completion was an issue impacting student success at SOMS, we discussed how we could get data on this issue from other buildings. We decided we would bring this to the BLT discussion in December.

NEXT MEETING: December 19th, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

AGENDA:

1. Reports from each building's BLT
2. Reports from Wellness Committee
3. Continuation of our discussion:
 - i. How can the Curriculum Council support advancing student achievement PreK-12?
 - ii. Are there topics that the Council would like to research this year?

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Attachments