

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum Council
February 7, 2008

Minutes

Members attending: Lynn Gorey, Elizabeth Howell Scotson, Elayne Armaniaco,
Paula Leavy, Deena Bollinger, YuBong Ko, Jeanne Palumbo,
Nora Polansky, Dr William Lee, Edward A. Bolan,
Rosemary Pitruzzella, Michele Fenster

Guests: Sheila Silverman, Nick Megdanis, Cindy Pardo

Absent: Catherine Ascolese, Sara Tucker, Judy Pocalyko

Agenda:

Proposed new Math course at TZHS for 8th grade students who fail 8th grade Math. (Proposal attached.)

Background:

Students who fail 8th grade Math have significant difficulty with high school level Math. Therefore, it has been recommended that students who fail grade 8 Math should repeat the course at TZHS rather than moving onto the Regents-level Integrated Algebra course.

Discussion:

The Council was in support of this course. They are also in support of the Math Committee's recommendation that we add remedial Math teachers at the elementary schools. The hope is that, with the improvement at the elementary level, a course like this will eventually not be necessary.

The Council recommends that the class size for this class be kept very low (8-10 students). The recommendation will be brought to the BOE for their consideration

fz

Attachment

SOUTH ORANGETOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

CURRICULUM PROJECT PROPOSAL

INSTRUCTIONS: (Please type or print legibly):

- Complete all the information requested.
- Submit the proposal to your building principal and/or program director for initial review by
- Projects receiving initial approval from the principals and/or program directors will be sent to the assistant superintendent for final review.
- Information regarding final disposition will be sent to the individual submitting the proposal.

CURRICULUM

AREA:__Mathematics_____

TITLE OF PROJECT:__Pre-Algebra at the High School_____

SCHOOL:__Tappan Zee High School_____

INDIVIDUAL COORDINATING PROJECT:____Nick Megdanis_____

ADDITIONAL PROJECT PARTICIPANTS:_____

NUMBER OF HOURS PER PERSON REQUESTED:__0_____

ADDITIONAL COSTS:__0_____

STATEMENT OF NEED/PURPOSE:____This is the pre-requisite course for Algebra at the high school and needs to be passed for a student to continue onto the next level of mathematics.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:____The course will provide the opportunity to be successful in high school algebra by eliminating a student's deficiencies and providing support for the algebra regents curriculum.

—

/OVER.....

DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT UPON COMPLETION OF PROJECT:

Pre-Algebra should have small class numbers (8 – 10) students, and the students need not be classified.

DATES: ___September of 2008_____

LOCATION: ___Tappan Zee High School_____

To be completed by principal or program director:

Principal/Program Director: _____

_____ **Project Recommended**

_____ **Project Not Recommended**

Comments: _____
