

**Curriculum Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, April 29, 2013 3:00 PM**  
Central Office Curriculum Room, 4 Vision Boulevard, Somers, CT 06071

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Curriculum Committee

April 29, 2013

Present: A.Kirkpatrick, J.Formeister, K.Pezza, G.Cotzin

Book proposals were discussed; most of the funding is from this year's budget, total cost is under \$3300.

Math 6-8---supplemental materials, "Common Core Coach" books and "Common Core Assessments Workbook", 1 classroom set for each grade. Included are some aspects of Common Core not covered in textbooks and assessment workbooks.

Grade 11 Academic English---"Texts and Lessons for Teaching Literature with 65 Mentor Texts", 1 copy, and "Reading and Analyzing Non-Fiction: Slant, Spin, and Bias", 1 classroom set to supplement materials being used. It supports the CAPT Reading for Information subtest and the CCSS emphasis on nonfiction. Some parts might be used for Grade 9.

Discussion of correspondence received via email regarding "Latin for the SAT". This course through the business APTITUDE is meant to improve English proficiency and literacy through the study of Latin. Questions raised include the difficulty of finding Latin teachers, how many students would take the course, the course is only being used in 2 CT schools. Latin is available through VHS, but how many students understand the value of Latin and how many are encouraged to take it?

Committee members had questions for Mr. Cotzin regarding the proposal to change the schedule at SHS, which is still under discussion. The Committee agrees a 7-period schedule would be more beneficial due to increased teaching time, especially with mandated requirements for exit exams, Common Core, etc. If learning centers are not utilized enough to be a justification for keeping the present schedule, we hope the new schedule can be implemented---it clearly would be best for the students. The Curriculum Committee endorses the new schedule.

Respectfully submitted

Joan Formeister, Chair

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To: Curriculum Committee  
Anne Kirkpatrick  
Brad Pellisier

From: Joan Formeister, Chairman

Re: Meeting Date/Agenda

Date: April 25, 2013

A meeting is scheduled for Monday, 4/29/2013 at 3:00 p.m. in the Central Office Curriculum Room. The agenda is as follows:

1. Approval of new books for the high school English classes;
2. Approval of supplemental books for the middle school math program; and
3. Discussion of the feasibility of running a Latin class at the high school.

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