

***West Islip School District***  
***Education Committee***  
***2014-2015***

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***Minutes***

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**Members**

***Steve Gellar, Annmarie LaRosa, Bernadette Burns, Anne Rullan***

***March 12, 2015***

***7:15 p.m.***

***District Office ~ Board of Education Conference Room***

**Also in attendance: Scott Brady, Kevin O'Connor**

**The meeting convened at 7:15 p.m.**

- I. New Courses
  - a. IB Sports, Exercise and Health Science ~ SEHS incorporates the traditional disciplines of anatomy and physiology, biomechanics, psychology and nutrition, which are studied in the context of sport, exercise and health. Students will cover a range of core and option topics and carryout practical (experimental) investigations in both laboratory and field settings. This will provide an opportunity to acquire the knowledge and understanding necessary to apply scientific principles and critically analyze human performance.
  - b. English Gateway 9H and 10H ~ these courses serve as a gateway to students who intend to challenge themselves with the rigorous work associated with our upper level courses in Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate, and SUPA. The courses are open enrollment for students who would like to challenge themselves. Decisions regarding self-selection are made with the guidance counselor, student and parents.
- II. Professional Development Plan Revisions ~ the Professional Development plan was revised to include on-going professional development for our Year 1, 3 and 3 teachers, as well as teachers with a professional certification who must fulfill 175 hours of professional development every five years.
- III. District Intervention Coordinator/Specialist (Pupil Personnel Coordinator) ~ the committee discussed the role of the position administration is proposing for consideration. This position would oversee all of the instructional and curricular implementation for intervention strategies as well as ensure a consistent approach in delivery of services when applicable.

- IV. Common Core Geometry Regents Schedule ~ the CC Geometry Regents is scheduled for Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approximately 300 students will take the exam. We discussed possible options on how best administer the exam as it is scheduled prior to other Regents testing.
- V.
- VI. Teaching is the Core ~ the committee reviewed the results of grades 6, 7 and 8 math assessment audit. The audit revealed that we are focusing our professional development in the right area of using Understanding by Design (UbD), to continue to reinforce “Determining Desired Results,” and “Determining Acceptable Evidence.” The district needs to continue to review our math curriculum to ensure alignment to the NYS Learning Standards and West Islip UFSD standards.
- VII. Moving in the right direction with project-based assessments – the committee reviewed a project-base assessment designed by Alyssa Urbach and Melanie Vecchione, 7<sup>th</sup> grade math teachers from Udall Road Middle School, for a unit on scale drawing and circles that also incorporated unit rate and proportional reasoning as review topics.

**The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.**