

## Curriculum Council Minutes

November 17, 2009

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### Introductions

- Mr. Mala asked members to introduce themselves because there were some new members in attendance

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### Review of HKHS *National Honor Society* admission criteria and schedule

- Mr. Macunas shared information which he collected
- He contacted the NHS in VA
- Used CAS service to look at when kids were inducted into the NHS
- South Windsor is doing away with senior inductees
- Guidance generates the list of students with 90% or higher
- Mr. Macunas will meet with the current advisor and a few members of the faculty to discuss criteria
- He explained that the leadership component is difficult to assess- the leadership component addresses leading your peers
- Investigating the fall induction for seniors
- Working to develop clear and equitable guidelines
- Mr. Macunas will provide an update possibly next month

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### Review of HKMS *Junior National Honor Society* admission criteria and Schedule

- Students are required to have an A- average
- Character is very important
- Middle school NJHS is more of a learning experience
- Service-canned food drive, toy drive, when the need arises they are called upon
- Leadership exhibited in the classroom
- Discussion about honor society for 5,6,7 and 8 versus 7 and 8-Mrs. Wagner shared what had been discussed with regard to the NJHS at the middle school

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### *Alternative Education* Task Force Report

- Mr. Jim Downey presented information to the group
- Handout contained information about programs in different schools such as (parent involvement, night vs. day attendance, graduation-midyear/end of the year, rules, regulations, student profiles
- Mr. Mala opened the discussion to address the environmental factors for students, non-traditional setting
- Program is not designed for expulsions
- Discussion opened about internship component and counseling component
- Mr. Mala suggested to the group if they had thoughts or ideas about the Alternative Education discussion to feel free to e-mail him

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### Task Force to plan sponsoring annual *College Fair* at HKHS

- Mrs. Grimaldi provided an update about the organizational process
- Letters were being mailed to colleges
- They are stretching out to colleges which have not visited in the past

**10-30 Follow-up on tracking HKHS graduates**

- Mrs. Grimaldi provided an update with regard to ways that the high school is attempting to track the success rate of our students who go off to college and the completion rate

**10-31 Task Force to research and present information on *Multi-age Instruction and Looping* – Update**

- Mr. Kerachsky and Ms. Muzzulin have contacted schools and are collecting information from some research articles
- They are in the process of contacting other states to investigate what they are doing

**10-32 *Response to Intervention (RTI) Model & Timeline* – Update**

- Schedule had been passed out earlier with the timeline
- A team is visiting other schools to look at how they are implementing their plans
- There is a District Committee that is working on developing the plan
- Discussion of definition of disabilities and entry/exit criteria for students who are in the special education program