


Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012  
John Trumbull Primary School Special Education Conference Room  
6:00 p.m.

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Present: Eric Berthel (Chair)  
Susan McCabe

James Collin, Ed.D.   
Matthew Geary

Mr. Berthel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

1. Watertown High School 2012-2013 Program of Studies

The committee discussed the Watertown High School Program of Studies 2012-13 as follows:

- Process section mentioned, pages 1-9.
- Page 13: Computer Art #1807 is new.  
Laboratory Assistant #461
- Page 15: Personal Finance #1601 is new and grant funded.
- Page 17: Computer Animation Using Alice 1 #1300 is new for 2011-2012.  
Transitioning to Java Using Alice 1 #1303 is new for 2012-2013.  
Alice is integrated into Computer Apps - exposure
- Page 23: Health #900 is an option for Grades 9 or 10 - previously just Grade 9.
- Page 30: Physical Education is broken into semester classes versus a full year.
- Page 34 & 35: Environmental Science: The Natural World #1403 and Environmental Science: The Human Impact #1404 are new - .5 credit each. These courses are designed to build AP environmental interest.
- Page 36: Global Issues #200 and Global Issues #201 are new for 2012-13. The periodicals are included in the Social Studies budget.
- Page 50: Recorded list of intervention. Mentoring/Teaching Assistant #7800 is new for 2011-12.

Mr. Berthel asked about the Honors Cohort. Mr. Geary explained the Ninth Grade Honors Cohort.

Algebra I – Teens and Trends concurrent with Geometry. The Grade 8 Algebra selection process was discussed.

2. Curriculum Work Accomplished During the Summer of 2011

A summary of the curriculum work was reviewed. A five-year curriculum cycle was developed.

On-line credit recovery courses were reviewed. There is a need to develop a Board of Education policy in relation to the on-line credit recovery courses.

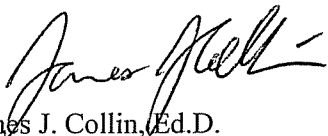
A list of technology recommendations was reviewed.

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee recommended that the Policy Committee review:

- On-line learning
- BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)
- Social Networking

Mr. Berthel adjourned the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James J. Collin", with a stylized flourish at the end.

James J. Collin, Ed.D.  
Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Special Services

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