

# North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

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Curriculum, Instruction, and Planning  
Monday, December 1, 2014 9:00 a.m.  
Central Office

## MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Wes O'Brien, Alicia Clapp, & Melinda McKenna, Russell Dallai, Nancy Leddy, Robert D. Cronin, Ph.D., and Dana Corriveau were in attendance.

- Pilot of New NHHS Learning Expectations- Dr. Dallai joined us for the discussion. Due to the changing and uncertainty of standardized testing in grade 11, faculty work groups at the high school are working to develop new Learning Expectations. The C & I Committee agreed to let the school pilot revised expectations for the class of 2016.
- SADD Club proposal for therapy dog to be at NHHS during mid-term exams- This was discussed and will be piloted during mid-terms at the high school.
- Discussion of potential new course proposals:
  - *Chinese IV*
  - *Chinese grade 6*
  - *Physical Education Electives (Sports Management, Athletic Training, Health Cadets)*
  - *Advanced Personal Finance*
  - *Freshman Seminar*

The group discussed the need to expand our course offerings are the high school level. Budget will play a large role in what we are able to offer. The group was in agreement that we should work to increase course offerings. A great deal of time was spent discussing the idea of offering Chinese IV and Chinese in grade 6. There are still some unanswered questions and the World Language Coordinator and current Chinese teacher will be invited to our January meeting to continue this discussion.

- Teachers' College Reading and Writing Program Training opportunity- Mrs. McKenna shared that she would like to bring this training into the district for K-5 teachers. The focus would be on Writers' Workshop. Professional Development is scheduled for K-5 teachers on the February 13<sup>th</sup> professional development day. The district is currently on the waitlist to have Columbia Affiliates work with our teachers. It is not certain how long that might take. Mrs. McKenna has some money from the Title Grants that can be used to pay for this training. Mrs. Clapp recommended asking the North Haven Education Foundation for assistance as well.

- New Club Proposal: Creative Musicians Club- Approved
- Follow up on Future Problem Solvers/ Creative Learning questions from the October meeting & elementary field trips- We did not have time to follow up on these topics.
- Nancy Leddy (Director of Community Service)- Mrs. Leddy spoke with the group about some potential projects she would like to bring into the district. A local donor who is a graduate of the North Haven Public Schools would like to give back to the community. They are proposing a Weekend Food Backpack project which would send fruits and vegetables home with students. The logistics of this will need to be worked out. Mrs. McKenna will work with Mrs. Leddy on this. The second proposal is to offer new courses to high school students – details of this proposal need to be worked out.
- Discussion of Special Education Programs- Mrs. Corriveau shared information about the TLC (Therapeutic Learning Program) at Montowese School and the need to add an additional teacher. Adding this staff, will allow the program to meet the full continuum of need for students. The committee was in favor of adding an additional teacher.