



North Haven Public Schools

North Haven, Connecticut 06473

Curriculum & Instruction Meeting Minutes November 7, 2016 9:00am Central Office

Attendance: Anita Anderson, Dorothy Logan, Melinda McKenna, Wesley O'Brien (recording)

Guests: Jill Metz, Tracy Planinshek

Jill Metz joined the group to propose the purchase of a new history text—*The American Pageant*, 16th ed. Cengage, 2016—for Grade 11 AP. A new text is recommended for a number of reasons, including:

- 14 years since last update (this omitting much recent history)
- connection to AP
- thematically-based sections

The group approved the purchase.

Tracy Planinshek joined us to discuss the Culinary Arts Program field trip to Disney World in Orlando, where students will participate on cooking teams constituted from students from all over the country and will receive instruction from a world-class chef. The trip leaves North Haven on April 20, 2017 and returns April 25. Five to 8 students will participate as well as 2 chaperones. Cost per student is \$1100.00. The committee participated in a long discussion regarding fundraising opportunities, available funding, and approved the trip unanimously to be put before the full Board of Education for its approval. We invited Ms. Planinshek to attend the 11/10 board meeting to discuss the opportunity.

The annual High School Music Department field trip and competition was approved unanimously to be put before the Board of Education for its approval. The event is to be held in Boston, MA April 20 to April 24, 2017, and involves 160-175 student participants and 15-18 chaperones. The cost per student is \$785.00, which can be reduced by a number of fund raising initiatives. Additional funding will be available as needed.

A December 6 trip to Hyde Park, New York for grades 4-5 ID was approved to be put before the full Board of Education for their approval. There are 57 students and 9 chaperones attending. Cost is \$30. There were some concerns raised with regard to weather conditions in December and distance. A suggestions was made to consider replacing this trip in the future with a trip to the birthplace of John Quincy Adams near Boston.

Also approved to be brought to the full Board of Education for their approval is a trip to the Student Leadership Conference in Meriden. Cost is \$60. Six students are expected to participate. There will be one chaperone.

The next meeting of Curriculum and Planning is scheduled for December 5, 2016.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.