

**Office of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting
Friday, March 21, 2014**

Members Present: Mr. Larry Greenstein Dr. Wafa Westervelt
 Mr. Vernon McDermott Ms. Nora Johnson

Guests: Dr. Kathleen Mooney

Community Lynn Steinberg George Borda
Members: Adrienne Saur Chris Nadolne
 Nanette Melkonian Judy Epstein

Minutes

Chairperson, Larry Greenstein called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. The minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting will be posted.

Guidance Update – Dr. Wafa Westervelt

Dr. Westervelt provided the committee with an update on the actions taken by the Schreiber High School Guidance Department to improve communication. Hank Hardy and the guidance department have been working extremely hard on the following initiatives.

- Increase high school's communication with colleges and universities.
- Expand interaction with students and parents regarding the college application process.
- Hank Hardy is bringing more colleges to SHS through additional Skype sessions. Sessions are held after school for students and parents. Student/parent can ask questions and get immediate answers from the college admissions officer.
- Ryan Meloni has been instrumental in offering live-streamed Skype sessions for parents to participate from home. These sessions have also been recorded and posted on the website.
- On-site Admissions: Three universities (Hofstra, St. Johns, Dowling) have come to PW to review applications and hold student interviews. Students are told on the spot if they are accepted for admission. In two months, \$500,000 in scholarship money has been awarded by these schools.
- Summer Guidance Services: August 19, 2014 three guidance counselors will be available for the day to offer college application process support to parents and students. Save the date information will be sent home.
- NYS Higher Learning Education Services Corp. will be available in the spring to help families fill out the FASA form. These sessions were originally scheduled for January/February but cancelled due to snow. Volunteers are available to help the parents with the application. There is no charge for this service.
- Hofstra University will hold a session for the 40 accepted students and parents entitled – *Life after the College Application*.
- Shirley Cepero arranged a 3.5 hour staff development workshop for the ELL teachers with Method Test Prep Corp. to help incorporate ELL proficiency and test taking skills for SAT practice

