

# Long Term Development Committee Meeting Notes

February 27, 2019 – 2:30 p.m. – District Office - Multi-purpose Room

## Attending

Michelle Cardwell, Lisa Dwyer, Peggy Kelland, Daren Lolkema, John Lumia, Mary Velez, Amy Watkins, and Christine Zandstra

## Discussion

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program:

WCSD is not looking to support / recommend an IB Program at this time. Instead what was discussed is to focus on our AP and DCC programs in terms of student enrollment and instructional rigor. Building a strong AP and DCC program would provide opportunities that are equivalent to IB in terms of college acceptance, but we will continue to look for opportunities where an IB program may one day benefit this district.

NYS School Board Association presentation by area Superintendents show that college retention is good due to AP and Community courses. Conversely, some colleges are finding that students entering college with college credits are not ready for next level course.

Mastery levels and ACT & SAT readiness should be improved. Other pathways to build on are the Business and Technology departments. Encouragement of students to stay with rigorous class versus taking classes such as Microsoft Word or Public Speaking or taking electives to explore new interests. AP classes with low enrollment are kept; while elective classes with low enrollment are cut.

Begin at the Elementary schools offering exposure to Foreign Language and other classes with goal of an Advanced Regents Diploma in HS.

## Plan

Make an effort to inform parents of the available college courses offered for free in HS. Target parents since seniors may feel they have already met the standard requirements for HS graduation.

Counselors to focus on opportunities of fullest potential instead of required amounts.

Explore ways to keep seniors to a fuller schedule (rather than late arrival/early dismissal) to take advantage of more classes.

## Action

With much of the discussion regarding curriculum, decide direction of LTD committee vs. Curriculum Committee.

The committee spoke of the efficacy of the committee itself and whether or not there should be a LTD committee in the future.