CURRICULUM ASSESSMENT AND PROGRAM EVALUATION COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 17, 2015
Curriculum Room at Town School Office
5:45 p.m.
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CAPE Chair, Victor Katz, called the meeting to order at 5:53 P.M.

Present: Victor, Katz, Susan Queenan, Scott McCarthy and Assistant Superintendent Genie Slone

WMS and BHS Skills 21 course: a review

Committee members' discussion included the following:

- Three strong focus points for the *Skills 21* courses were evident in the discussion—the courses should be challenging for students, cyber bullying needs to be included in the course content and increase programming content, as student interest is evident.
- Staff teaching these classes need to track student performance data with a pre-test and a post-test noting in particular trends about what students are learning in this course from one year to the next.
- Provide information about the revisions to the course based upon students' prior knowledge, as our students are more and more tech savvy each year.
- Staff need to keep an on-going list of projects and programs that students are doing each year that require them to apply these skills learned in this course.
- Understanding that staff address current topics in this area with students, staff should provide a list of these topics year to year, e.g. Apple –vs-Android, study of different platforms, "Target" hacking event—lesson learned, bit pay and Apple pay.
- Invite community tech speakers to class (e.g. on topics of tech security, ID theft, password protection).

CAPE will review this program again in 2015-2016, specifically focused on the above information.

Adjournment
There being no more business to discuss, V. Katz moved and S. Queenan seconded, and the subcommittee voted 3-0 to end the CAPE meeting at 6:35 P.M.
V. Katz, Scott McCarthy and S. Queenan voted aye.

Respectfully Submitted
Genie Slone
Assistant Superintendent