

Appendix A

World Language Committee Report April 14, 2008

The recommendation as presented at the April 14, 2008 Board meeting is as follows:

- 1. That we offer one additional world language in the Scarsdale curriculum;*
- 2. That the world language offered is Mandarin;*
- 3. That instruction in Mandarin begin in the sixth grade, with the possibility of additional entry points as outlined;*
- 4. That instruction in Mandarin be supported by on line resources and the use of a language lab;*
- 5. That the further development of the elementary Spanish program (currently in third grade and arriving at the Middle School in September 2010) be considered as a significant factor in how we implement the Mandarin program;*
- 6. That a consultant for Mandarin be hired in the academic year 2008-2009 to begin planning and developing the program;*
- 7. That the Mandarin program be introduced in the academic year 2009-2010;*
- 8. That the program begin with two Mandarin teachers in place to facilitate collaboration and solidification of the program.*