

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, May 13, 2010
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mrs. Dana Kauffman,
Mr. Joseph Rufo

Board Members: Mr. Richard Sokorai, Mrs., John McDevitt

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre,
Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Toni Himes

Press: Anna Deacon

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Galbraith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Approval of Minutes of April 8, 2010

The minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda, as amended, was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

a. The DARE Program with the Marple Police Department – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre presented Chief Murray and members of the Marple Police Department with awards for their time and commitment to the DARE Program. The program is a collaborative effort between the District and the police department to teach students about the effects of drug/alcohol abuse. Several teachers, Amy Miller, Deb Havrilla and Christine Ward, were at the meeting to show their appreciation. Chief Murray and several officers/detectives were there to receive their awards.

One of the officers, Brandon Graeff, thanked Chief Murray, Dr. Horowitz and Dr. Bompadre for their support and commitment to the program. Mrs. Galbraith also thanked the officers for their efforts.

b. Induction Program and Professional Development – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with an Induction Overview, listing the dates and activities for the 2009/2010 school year. This year Marple Newtown developed their own Induction Program. Bill Cawley, Jami Nichols and Kristen Monasso read letters to 3 new incoming teachers about their experiences as first year teachers.

Professional Development – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre shared with the committee the Professional Development Committees' purpose and mission. The committee developed a needs assessment survey for the teaching staff, the administration, pupil services, food services, the secretarial staff and the transportation staff. The top two needs indicated by both the teachers and administrators were differentiating instruction to meet the needs of diverse learners and integrating technology into instruction.

Dr. Bompadre provided a tentative plan for Professional Development for the 2010-2011 school year which will be shared with staff by the end of May.

The midpoint review of the Professional Development Plan is due September 30, 2011 to the state.

c. Standards Aligned System (SAS) for Language Arts – Dr. Toni Himes

Dr. Himes provided the committee with a brief overview of SAS for Language Arts. She said that it is an excellent resource for anyone interested in education and that student achievement is at the center of the circle that has 6 common elements (Clear Standards, Fair Assessments, Curriculum Framework, Instruction, Materials and Resources and Interventions). Dr. Himes said that the site is always under construction and that there is a wealth of information and resources provided by the state.

d. Language Services (*Interpretation by Telephone*) – Dr. Toni Himes

Dr. Himes said that at the moment the District has 96 ELL students with 17 different languages represented. Language Services is a local, reputable company from Willow Grove. Language Services provides a telephone service called InterpreTALK that can put an interpreter on the line in 30 seconds. Dr. Himes feels that it is an excellent service. There is no ongoing payment. You pay as you use the service. Dr. Himes hopes to have the service on board by next fall.

e. Technology Update – Mr. Chris Lee

Interactive equipment for the MNSD Renovation and Addition Project

Mr. Lee said that there is an expiration date approaching for the price of the interactive equipment. Mr. Lee and Mr. Driscoll worked with the company to process the order and have it shipped by June 30. The district was able to save over \$30,000 by taking advantage of the promotion that was available.

Computer Disposal

There is quite a bit of old equipment that the District has tried to salvage for parts. The District has in the past paid to have this equipment removed. There is a company that sells supplies and participates in Cash for Clunkers. The company will give the District credit to buy other equipment. Mr. Lee is in the process of inventorying equipment.

f. List of Club Offerings at the High School – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with a list of MNHS Clubs that are set to start the 2010-2011 school year pending student interest and Faculty sponsorship. The list will be incorporated into a brochure for the 2010-2011 school year along with sports teams and other activities. Any new clubs will be presented in November and May of each year.

VI. Motions

The following motions were approved by the committee.

- a. Motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Football Team trip to East Stroudsburg University for football camp from July 7, 2010 to July 10, 2010. The cost of this camp per student is \$230.
- b. Motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School Student Council trip to the Pennsylvania Association of Student Councils State Conference in Scranton, PA from October 7, 2010 to October 9, 2010. The cost of this trip per student is \$75.00
- c. To approve the purchase of a MNSD Avaya IP telephone system in the amount of \$336,000 from CDWG (Contract PE 1 PEEPM 2005 SUPPLEMENTAL CONT.PEPPM2010). This is a complete district solution which will be used to replace the existing PBX phone system located in the high school during the MNHS Renovation and Addition Project.
- d. To approve the Desktop/Laptop Lease Agreement for Paxon Hollow Middle School using CDW-G/CCA (COSTARS-003-32) as MNSD's preferred vendor. The annual lease payment will be \$70,848.36 for five (5) years which will refresh the laptop and desktop inventory in the building.

The following Addendum Action Items/Motions were approved by the committee.

- a. To approve the organization of a Film and Literature Analysis Club at the High School for the 2010-2011 school year. The faculty advisor for this club will be Amy Gallagher.
- b. To approve adding Fundraising to the constitution of the German Club already in existence.
- c. To approve the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement with Delaware County Community College as amended. (Delaware County Community College will partner with Marple Newtown School District to provide college level courses for students enrolled under the Dual Enrollment Grant.)

Other Discussion

There was a discussion about payment for Dual Enrollment. The fee is paid up front by the parents. The District reimburses the parents (approximately 2/3) when receipts and grades are provided. Dr. Bompadre provides Mr. Driscoll with a letter stating that the student has met his/her obligation. The student provides his/her own transportation.

A parent in the audience requested a meeting with Dr. McFall, along with some other parents, regarding AP/Honors courses. It was suggested that perhaps this item could be put on the September agenda. Dr. McFall and his team would need to hear any concerns.

Dr. Horowitz shared with the audience the process of course selection. Course Selection is worked on in the fall, done by December, and sent to the printer so that selections can be made in February. Any philosophical changes should occur in the fall.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine

