

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, June 10, 2010
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Dana Kauffman, Mrs. Kathryn Chandless

Board Members: Mr. Richard Sokorai

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre,
Mr. Chris Lee, Mrs. Sue Mecouch, Ms. Sandra Schaal

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Kauffman called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Kauffman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes of May, 2010

Approval of minutes was tabled until the next monthly meeting.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda, as amended, was approved by the committee. Agenda item V. B. “Kids Can Cook”, will be rescheduled for the August or September meeting.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Political and Economic Issues, Student Projects – Dr. Michael Karpyn and Miss Cynthia Brown

Dr. Bompadre invited Ms. Brown and Dr. Karpyn to explain the project design and to share their experience collaborating together and some of their student’s final projects.

Ms. Brown and Dr. Karpyn piloted a new project for senior students of Political and Economic Issues this school year. Students researched and presented proposed solutions to local problems using the various levels of government and related institutions. The goals of the project were to engage students in problem-based learning activities using authentic situations and other 21st Century Skills such as collaboration and technology.

One interesting fact that students found out is that local government officials did respond to phone calls and emails.

C. Community Partnerships, Thank You – Dr. Constance Bompadre
(1) Forestry Grant – Mrs. Barbara McGinnis, Mr. Michael Raines

Dr. Bompadre thanked Mrs. Barbara McGinnis and Mr. Michael Raines for their generosity and commitment to science education. The Forestry Grant started in 2005 and continued for 5 years. Marple Newtown received \$10,000 a year for 5 years.

The Forestry Grant supported the following:

- Various school gardens
- Wildlife sanctuaries
- Planting of trees
- Crum Creek Field Trip (professional development and supplies)
- Membership in the Crum Creek Watershed
- Earth Balloon (4th, 6th and 9th graders)
- Terrariums (4th grade)
- Watershed Models (9th grade)
- Wastewater Treatment models (9th grade)
- Training teachers using Earth Week Lessons (K-5)

Mrs. McGinnis said that she enjoyed her partnership with Marple Newtown.

(2) LyondellBasell – Dr. Daniel Pourreau, *Project Manager* and Mr. Michael Axelrod, *Manager R&D Planning & Analysis*

Dr. Bompadre thanked Dr. Pourreau and Mr. Michael Axelrod for their efforts for the last 4 years. Dr. Pourreau, along with some of his colleagues, taught lessons with grades 3, 7, and 8 this year.

Dr. Pourreau wanted to thank Dr. Bompadre and Mrs. Sue Mecouch (Science Supervisor) for allowing him to visit with the students.

(3) Bryn Mawr Trust Bank – Mrs. Barbara Newcomer, *Branch Manager* and Ms. Angie Washington, *Assistant Manager*

Dr. Bompadre thanked Mrs. Barbara Newcomer and Ms. Angie Washington for enhancing economic education by inviting our student to the bank to study banking and money.

D. Summer Workshop Offerings – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre presented a list of 2010 Summer Workshops to the committee. There are currently over 300 participants signed up for workshops. More sessions will be added as needed. Dr. Bompadre will have a final count for the committee for the August or September CIT meeting.

E. Policy 249 *Bullying/Cyberbullying* – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Board Policy #249, paragraph 2, was revised. Mrs. Kauffman read the paragraph and said that the revision will make for a stronger policy. Dr. Horowitz would like the policy added to school handbooks. The district solicitor, Mark Sereni has reviewed the policy.

VI. Motions

The following motions and addendum have been moved along to the regular School Board meeting.

A. Motion to approve the purchase of social studies texts and supplemental materials as listed:

1. 9th Grade World Civilizations & Cultures II, Honors—Ways of the World Docutext, ISBN 9780312644666, 2011
2. 10th Grade World Civilizations & Cultures II, and Humanities—World History, Human Legacy, ISBN 9780030937750, 2008
3. 10th Grade Advanced Placement Modern European History—History of Western Society Since 1300, ISBN, 9780312683214, 2010
4. 10th Grade Advanced Placement World History—World History, ISBN, 9780495569015, 2010
5. 11th Grade 20th Century American History and American Studies—History Alive! Pursuing American Ideals, ISBN 9781934534519, 2008
6. 11th Grade Advanced Placement United States History—The American Pageant, ISBN 978547166629, 2010
7. 12th Grade Political and Economic Issues—Government Alive! Power, Politics, and You, ISBN 9781934534014, 2009
8. 12th Grade Political and Economic Issues—Econ Alive! The Power to Choose, ISBN 9781934534380, 2010
9. 12th Grade Advanced Placement American Government—American Government, ISBN 9780495802839, 2011
10. 12th Grade Advanced Placement Economics—Foundations of Economics, ISBN 9780132275293, 2007

B. Motion to approve the purchase of World Language Texts and supplemental materials as listed:

1. Geni@1 A1 Multimedia Student Pack 6 year
ISBN 978-3-468-98616-1
2. Geni@1 A1 Audio CD for textbook
ISBN 978-3-468-47554-2
3. Geni@1 A1 Teacher's Manual
ISBN 978-3-468-47552-8
4. Geni@1 A1 Audio CD for Workbook
ISBN 978-3-468-47556-6
5. Geni@1 A1 Test Book w/CD
ISBN 978-3-468-47558-0
6. Geni@1 A1 DVD
ISBN 978-3-468-47546-7
7. Geni@1 A1 Storytelling Chap. 1-5
No ISBN(Online download)
8. Geni@1 A1 Storytelling Chap. 6-10
No ISBN(Online download)
9. Geni@1 A1 Storytelling Chap. 11-15
No ISBN(Online download)

C. Motion to waive the first reading and approve the final reading of revised Policy 249 *Bullying/Cyberbullying*.

D. Motion to approve the Marple Newtown High School Band trip to Camp Canadensis in Canadensis, PA from 8/26/2010 to 8/31/2010. The total cost per student is \$240.

VII. Action Items / Motions – addendum

- a. To approve the Marple Newtown High School Band Trip to Myrtle Beach, SC from 4/14/2011 to 4/18/2011. The total cost per student is \$525.
- b. To approve the Marple Newtown High School Band Calendar as presented for the 2010-2011 School Year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine