

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, August 19, 2014  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**            **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe

**Board:** Ms.Kathryn Chandless, Mr. A.J. Baker, Mr. Matthew DeNucci, Mr. Robert Sack

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

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Altieri led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The June 17, 2014 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee with one change to Motion A. The date was changed to September 27-28, 2014.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Altieri told the committee that each month curriculum content and technology updates would be presented.

August – Strategic Planning (2014-2018), Technology Update – summer work, summer workshops, Allergen Guidelines, PHMS Mural

September – Math Curriculum K-12, Art Curriculum K-12, Comprehensive Planning for Professional Development (2015-2018), Graduation Policy

October – Data Review – PSSA’s and Keystone Exams

November – Technology Committee Update, Business/Technology Education Curriculum 6-12

January – Language Arts Curriculum K-12

February – Science K-12, FCS 6-12

March – Social Studies and Music, K-12

## **V. Discussion/Informational Items**

### **A. Allergen Guideline – *Dr. Jerry Rodichok***

Dr. Rodichok shared the Administrative Guideline on Allergens with the committee. The Marple Newtown School District provides a safe and healthy learning environment for all students. The purpose of this guideline is to create “allergen aware” schools, intended to reduce the environmental risks to students with life-threatening allergies. He did say that this is a guideline, not a policy, and can be changed as needed. He would like to have the guideline in place by the start of the new school year. Once approved, the guideline will be presented to all staff members.

### **B. Mural for Paxon Hollow Middle School – *Dr. Steve Subers, Mr. T.J. Gretchen spoke for Dr. Subers***

Mr. T. J. Gretchen spoke in Dr. Subers place. Last November, Mrs. Kelly, a teacher at Paxon Hollow Middle School, asked if it would be possible to have a mural in the sixth grade hallway. A former student designed a mural using the theme of reduce, reuse and recycle. Mr. Gretchen was asking for approval from the committee to proceed with this student’s mural design.

### **C. Technology Summer Update – *Mr. Chris Lee***

The Technology Dept. received and installed a 3D Printer and Digitizer at the Marple Newtown High School. Teachers were trained over a 2 day period on how to use the software and hardware.

Paxon Hollow will be receiving a MediaCast OnLocation cart which will enable the students to broadcast live to classrooms in the middle school and to record their TV studio work

Culbertson and Loomis received 460 laptops and 45 desktop all in ones. The high school received 160 tablet devices. The Technology Department met with high school administrators and teachers to go over the device and strategize on how to maintain and secure them, and more importantly, use them effectively.

All school computing devices, approximately 2,000, not including the Administration Building, were refreshed with the latest software such as updates, patches and upgrades.

Technology is working with the Operations Department on paging and systems upgrades. There have been changes to ERate. There was a loss of about \$25,000. The District is looking at telecom changes to close the gap, if not eliminate it.

#### D. Strategic Plan 2008-2014 – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with an update on the district's Strategic Planning. The plan was developed in 2008. A mid-year report was submitted in 2011 with the plan to end in 2014. Comprehensive Planning will begin in 2015.

Dr. Bompadre touched upon many important accomplishments of the district. The goal of the District for staff development is to enhance the education and performance of our students, and provide meaningful and differentiated staff development for all employees. Other areas of accomplishment are:

- Safe School trainings for all employees
- Safety and Wellness
- Classroom Diagnostic Tests (CDT's)
- PA Core Standards
- Formative Assessment
- Availability of hardware and software technologies to students and faculty
- Improved the technology infrastructure to support future technology initiatives
- Provided ongoing technology professional development to staff

#### E. Summer Curriculum/Technology Workshops – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with a detailed list of the workshops that were provided over the summer for Curriculum and Technology. Mr. Lee worked with Dr. Bompadre and the instructional technology budget to carve out money strictly for professional development due to new initiatives and ongoing training. Workshops in Language Arts, Humanities, Science, Math, World Language, Health and Physical Education were also held throughout the summer and were led by the content area supervisors. Teachers provided positive feedback about the workshops.

### VI. Motions

- A. Motion to approve Mr. Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany the Cross Country Team to Great Adventure, NHJ for a meet on September 27-28, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$100.00. There is no cost to the district.
- B. Motion to approve Mr. Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany the Model UN and NHS students to the United Nations in New York on December 11, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$40.00. There is no cost to the district.
- C. Motion to approve Mr. Mike Colgan, coach to accompany the Varsity Girls' Basketball team to Orlando, FL on December 10-14, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$400.00. There is no cost to the district.

- D. Motion to approve Mr. Mike Miller, coach, to accompany the High School Boys Lacrosse team to St. John's High School in Chevy Chase, DC on March 7, 2015 for a pre-season scrimmage. The cost of this trip is paid by the athlete's activity fee. There is no cost to the district.
- E. Motion to approve the disposal or sale of the 2008 elementary Houghton/Harcourt Storytown K-5 reading series.
- F. Motion to approve a change of a mural design for PHMS. The Board approved the original mural design with the condition that Dr. Subers check on the copyright infringement concerns. Not being able to resolve the copyright concern, Dr. Subers would like to change the mural to a student designed mural, as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine