

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, August 18, 2015  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**                **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Leonard Altieri and Mr. Matthew Bilker

**Board:** A.J. Baker

**Administration:** Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Josephine Johnston, Mr. Jim Wigo, Dr. Stephen Subers, Dr. Gerald Rodichock

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The June, 2015 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

A. PHMS School Improvement Plan – *Dr. Stephen Subers*

Dr. Subers shared with the committee the process that he and his administration have gone through with the School Improvement Plan (SIP). A committee was formed that included: select faculty members, building administrators, curriculum supervisors, supervisor of Special Education, and the Assistant Superintendent. The SIP met 7 times to review the Pennsylvania Department of Education’s six, school level guiding questions of the comprehensive planning process.

The Administrative team completed an analysis of PSSA and PVAAS data. Results indicated that students were maintaining at the advanced and proficient level based on PSSA scores. Based on PVAAS data, student at the advanced and proficient level were not demonstrating a year’s worth of growth.

Areas of Need and Concern:

- Current School Performance Profile (SPP) score
- PSSA growth in 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Science achievement and growth on 8<sup>th</sup> grade PSSA
- Instructionally increasing the rigor and expectations for all students
- Increase students' awareness of their own learning

Goal-Focused Approach – will guide the school community in systematizing the various educational initiatives and programs currently in progress at PHMS.

- Power Teaching
- Formative Assessment
- Reading Apprenticeship
- CDT – Classroom Diagnostic Tool with student conferencing and goal setting
- Teacher goal setting

B. District Safety – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

**Crisis Procedures** – *Protocols for staff members at the Administration Building.*

Dr. Bompadre gave each staff member a folder/flowchart with responsibilities. A practice drill was run in June with Worrall as the school in crisis. Feedback for improvement was collected and addressed.

**School Security Management Training** – Mr. Dale Yeager presented at a 2 day training in February. Dr. Bompadre touched on some of the important points that he made: to call 911 ASAP and to utilize the communication system.

Dale Yeager touched on vendor to student violence and suggested trainings with kitchen staff. It is important to understand one's faculty and to see how the faculty reacts under stress. Dr. Bompadre mentioned several topics that Mr. Yeager spoke about: Survival Techniques, School Culture (groups/cliques), Age and Aggression, Violent Children/Adults, Male/Female Behavior Patterns, just to name a few.

School Board Member, Mr. A.J. Baker, said he found the training to be very informative.

**Update on Safe Plans (ERIP) Emergency Response Information Profile–**

*Dr. Constance Bompadre & Mr. Jim Wigo*

ERIP is an online safety program. Mr. Wigo told the committee what he has completed so far with the program. There is a Reference Guide with a Site Map, which shows access to every building. Mr. Wigo took pictures of Culbertson (internal doors and external pieces of the building) and uploaded the picture to ERIP. He also copied an aerial view of Culbertson from google and added that picture to ERIP.

C. Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response Policy 236.1 – *Dr. Gerald Rodichok*

Dr. Rodichok addressed the committee regarding Policy 236.1 and explained that each school district must develop a Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response Policy. Our district policy has been reviewed by our solicitor, Mark Sereni.

There was a question regarding Re-Entry Procedures. If a student transfers to our district, how would we know if the student has a history of suicide? The question will be directed to our solicitor, Mark Sereni.

D. Home Education Programs Policy 137 – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre reviewed Policy 137 with the committee and mentioned some of the details of the policy. Diplomas will be issued by the supervisor or an approved diploma-granting institution.

E. Donation of 200 Books – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Mr. Andre Tocci of Rafferty Subaru will donate 200 books to the Marple Newtown School District (100 books to the high school and 100 books to the middle school). The project is called Subaru Loves Learning. The books will be delivered sometime in September.

## **VI. Motions**

The following motions have been moved along to the full Board.

### **Donations:**

- A. Motion to accept the donation of 200 books from Rafferty Subaru. The books should arrive in September. One Hundred books are for the PHMS and 100 books are for the HS.

### **Policies:**

- B. Motion to approve the first reading of the Home Education Programs Policy#137.
- C. Motion to approve the first reading of the Suicide Awareness Prevention and Response Policy # 236.1.

### **Athletic Trips:**

- D. Motion to approve Doug Killough, teacher/coach, to accompany 15 MNHS Cross Country team members to travel to Gettysburg on October 9-11, 2015 to participate in a meet. The cost per student athlete for transportation is \$100.00. The total cost to the district for transportation is \$1,500.00.
- E. Motion to approve Steve Resnick, coach, to accompany 16 MNHS Wrestling team members to travel to Nottingham, NJ on December 19, 2015. The team will participate in a tournament. The total cost per student athlete for transportation is \$25.00. The total cost to the district for transportation is \$400.00.

- F. Motion to approve Steve Resnick, coach, to accompany 14 MNHS Wrestling team members to travel to New Oxford, PA on January 29-30, 2016. The team will participate in a tournament. The total cost per student athlete for transportation is \$50.00. The total cost to the district for transportation is \$700.00.

**Conferences:**

- G. Motion to approve Dan Peters, teacher, to attend the American Orff Schulwerk Association National Conference on November 10-14, 2015 in San Diego, CA. The American Orff Schulwerk Association has asked Dan to serve as the Equipment Chair for the 2016 Conference being held in Atlantic City in November, 2016. Dan is honored to be recognized for his dedication to the Orff Schulwerk pedagogy and the opportunity to serve as chair would provide him with a once in career opportunity to work with some of the preeminent music educators in the country. To serve as chair he would need to attend this 2015 conference to shadow the individual serving as the chair for this year's conference. There is no cost to the district.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine