

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, October 20, 2015
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

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

Board: A.J. Baker, Mr. Matthew DeNucci

Administration: Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Ms. Sandra Schaal, Dr. Toni Himes, Dr. Josephine Johnston, Dr. Richard Slonaker, Mr. Greg Puckett, Mrs. Lauren Hopkins, Mr. Donald Tabar

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The September, 2015 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee. The calendar motion was tabled.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Keystone Results – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre shared a powerpoint with the committee. There was no change in the test itself. Students did consistently well. Dr. Bompadre congratulated the high school administration. Initiatives at the high school level included:

Differentiated Instruction – implemented in classrooms. The English and Math Departments received Differentiated Instruction last year. The Social Studies and Science Departments are receiving Differentiated Instruction this year.

Keystone Test Prep and Class Resources

Test Prep Science Workshops – the Biology teachers lead workshops for students.

Classroom Diagnostic Tests – data is analyzed by administrators and teachers.

It was also mentioned that 98% of our students take the SAT's. Mr. Puckett is trying to increase interest in the ACT's and would like to become a host school for the ACT's.

B. PSSA Common Core Exam – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

The PSSA Common Core Exam for Math and English Language Arts (ELA) was different this year. Students needed a deeper knowledge of content. Math scores dropped this year across the state. The power point provided a state average drop in scores. According to PVAAS, we did make a year's growth in English Language Arts and Science. In order to improve scores, CDTs will be fully utilized. The Classroom Diagnostic Test is a strong indicator as to how our students will perform on the PSSA. PSSA open ended questions in Math, along with a scoring rubric for teachers, are being created as another tool to help students score higher. In English Language Arts, teachers will need to focus on text-dependent analysis.

Science Exam – there was no change in the test. Biology scores rose from 73% in 2014 to 81% in 2015. This percentage reflects students scoring at the Advanced & Proficient levels.

At department meetings, administration is focusing on the following:

- Big Ideas in science (How models are used)
- PSSA trends in English Language Arts
- Assessment in Social Studies at Paxon Hollow

VI. Motions

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

Student Trips:

- A. Motion to approve a change in date for a trip to Memphis with Chris Vogel and 80 students. This trip was Board approved on June 23, 2015. They will now be travelling on February 9-14, 2016 instead of February 11-15, 2016. Reason for change of dates is the availability for reservations.
- B. Motion to approve Arch Hunter, teacher, to accompany 45 High School students to travel to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA on December 1, 2015. The total cost per student is \$45.00. There is no cost to the district.
- C. Motion to approve Helene White, teacher, to accompany 24 High School 11th grade American Literature Class students to travel to the Walt Whitman House in Camden, NJ on January 7, 2016. The total cost per student is \$10.00. There is no cost to the district.
- D. Motion to approve Michele Lunn, teacher, to accompany the 7th grade class to The Pocono Environmental Education center (PEEC) on May 4-6, 2016. The total cost per student is \$215.00. There is no cost to the district.

- E. Motion to approve the following PHMS teachers: Karen Siegel, Dean Vlahos, and Nancy Campo to accompany the 8th grade class to Hershey Park on June 9, 2016. The total cost per student is \$55.00. There is no cost to the district.

Student Club Trips:

- F. Motion to approve Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany 45 students from the High School Model United Nations Club to travel to the United Nations, NY on December 11, 2015. The total cost per student is \$45.00. There is no cost to the district.
- G. Motion to approve Mike Snow, teacher, to accompany 50-75 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish USA, Jim Thorpe, PA on December 12, 2015. The total cost per student is \$85.00. There is no cost to the district.
- H. Motion to approve Mike Snow, teacher, to accompany 15-30 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Camelback Mountain, Tannersville, PA on December 19, 2015. The total cost per student is between \$55 and \$100.00. There is no cost to the district.
- I. Motion to approve Mike Snow, teacher, to accompany 15-30 students from High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Killington, VT on January 8-10, 2016. The total cost per student is \$375.00. There is no cost to the district.
- J. Motion to approve Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany 20-30 students from the High School Model United Nations Club to travel to the Model U.N Conference in Hershey, PA on January 8-10, 2016. The total cost per student is \$400.00. There is no cost to the district.

Student Athletic Trips:

- K. Motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, coach, to accompany 17 High School Cheerleaders to travel to Kutztown University, Kutztown, PA on December 6, 2015 for the regional cheerleading competition to earn bid to nationals. The total cost to the district is \$625.00.
- L. Motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, coach, to accompany 16 High School Cheerleaders to travel to Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL on January 5-8, 2016 for the cheerleading national competition. The total cost to the district is \$202.00 for transportation to the airport. The total cost per student athlete for airfare and lodging is \$900.00 paid by the students.
- M. Motion to approve Kerren Vosheski, coach, to accompany 16 High School Cheerleaders to travel to Hershey, PA on January 21-23, 2016 for the cheerleading state competition. The total cost to the district is \$815.00.

Student Clubs:

- N. Motion to approve the MNHS Chemistry Club. The purpose of this club is for students to enjoy and partake in fun scientific activities that are also educational. The club advisor is Donald Sloat.

- O. Motion to approve the MNHS Asian Culture Club. The purpose of this club is to inform students about Asian Culture by creating presentations at each meeting about different countries and their cultures. The club advisor is Christopher Carson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine