

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, September 16, 2014  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

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

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

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Richard Slonaker, Ms. Sandra Schaal

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:45 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The August 19, 2014 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee along with the addendums.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

A. Mathematics Curriculum K-12 – *Dr. Richard Slonaker*

Dr. Slonaker shared a power point with the committee on:

**Core Beliefs** – guide and assist our students in the learning process by providing resources, tools and effective teachers needed to reach their highest levels of achievement.

**Curriculum Review Cycle** – is a continuing process. The District has a 7 year review cycle for curriculum development and alignment/curriculum mapping implementation plan.

**PA Core and Assessment Design** – in grade 3-8, Math PSSA is more heavily weighted towards multiple choice style questions. Keystone Exams are end of course exams designed to demonstrate understanding and show reasoning.

Dr. Slonaker also showed grade 4 eligible content and sample questions.

**Online Resources in Mathematics** – provided many resources for all grade levels.

**Current Initiatives and Goals** – reduce achievement gaps and increase technology in instruction and assessment purposes.

B. Art Curriculum K-12 & MNSD Art Teacher Show – *Ms. Sandy Schaal*

Sandra Schaal, Humanities Supervisor, shared information about the Teachers of Art, Art Show held at the Newtown Square Library from September 2 – 30, 2014. Marple Newtown School District Art Teachers all had artwork on display. Karen Can, high school art teacher, also shared student artwork. Two elementary art teachers, Jill Bialy and Deidre Selig, elementary art teachers, spoke to the committee about the show and about the kind of artwork that they like to produce.

Sandra told the committee that the District is in Year 4: Teaching for Understanding, of the Curriculum Cycle. New resources have been implemented and art teachers have tweaked the scope and sequence for essential questions and assessments. The Art Curriculum is aligned to the PA Academic Standards for the Arts and Humanities. There are no PA Core Standards for Art. Art teachers use the processes of Art to teach processes of the PA Core Standards.

Sandra also told the committee of the coming attractions in Art. The District is expanding the vision of the Gala Evening of the Arts. Art teachers are leading the way:

- To include Robotics, National History Day, Poetry, Drama and more
- To move the High School Art Show opening to the Gala Evening of the Arts
- To add a Teacher Art show

C. PIM's Calendar Timeline – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Mr. Lee notified the committee that the District calendar will need to be set by the end of February. The state has changed the number of “collections” from 16 to 6. The amount of work to meet deadlines has not decreased. Dr. Bompadre usually has a draft calendar from the Intermediate Unit in January, which the District tends to follow. Dr. Bompadre also uses feedback from staff, Professional Development Committee and the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. Mr. Lee will bring information back from the Intermediate Unit meetings that he will be attending.

D. Computers for Math Programs at MNHS – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Mr. Lee said that Mr. Smilk, math teacher at the high school, needs to expand the technology in his classroom due to CDT testing. Mr. Lee received a quote from Hewlett Packard for \$10,000 for a 5 year lease (30 laptops/tablets). He feels that the quote was too high and has asked the company to revise the quote. When Mr. Lee receives a revised quote, he will email the Board members with a current quote.

E. Comprehensive Planning for Professional Development 2015-2018 – *Dr. Constance Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre shared a power point about the Comprehensive Planning for Professional Development. Marple Newtown School District is in Phase III of the plan. Timeline for the District Level Plan is:

October 2014 – Public review of the District Level Plan

November 30, 2014 – Final submission of the District Level Plan

Spring 2015 – PDE approval of Acceptance of Plan

July 1, 2015 – Implementation Year 1

July 1 – June 30, 2018 – Professional Development Plan: Updated every 3 years

Induction Plan: Updated every 6 years

Special Education Report – submitted in the Spring of 2014, approved by PDE, updated every 3 years

The power point also included:

- Strategic Planning 2008-2014
  - ✓ Professional Development – A District View
  - ✓ Accomplishments
- Goals for the Committee
  - ✓ Comprehensive Planning
  - ✓ Core Foundations
- Needs Assessment
  - ✓ District Accomplishments – Dr. Bompadre listed 10 accomplishments
  - ✓ District Concerns
  - ✓ System Challenges
- Professional Development Action Plan
  - ✓ Goal(s)
  - ✓ Strategies
  - ✓ Implementation Steps

The Comprehensive Plan will be placed on the District Website for review prior to final submission in November.

VI. Motions

The following motions were moved along to the full Board.

- A. Motion to approve Mr. Mike Snow, teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to Skirmish USA in Jim Thorpe, PA on December 13, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$85.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

- B. Motion to approve Mr. Mike Snow, teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to Camelback Mountain in Tannersville, PA on December 20, 2014. The total cost per pupil is \$70.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- C. Motion to approve the Ping-Pong Club at MNHS. The purpose of this club is for students to gather regularly to practice, play, and compete in table-tennis also known as Ping-Pong. They will work on teamwork skills as well as their individual skills. The club advisors are Amy Gallagher and Bill Cawley.
- D. Motion to approve the Share Our Strength Club at MNHS. The purpose of this club is for the students to join with other organizations to play and support events in order to raise money for charities that support students and children all over the world. The club advisor is Renee Francisco.
- E. Motion to approve the MNSD Comprehensive Plan as presented.
- F. Motion to approve Ms. Sandra Schaal, Supervisor and Dr. Josephine Johnston, Supervisor to attend the Education Modern Learners: The Opportunities and Challenges of Schooling in a Connected World workshop in Grantville, PA on October 14, 2014. The total cost to the district for registration is \$310.00**
- G. Motion to approve the attendance of the following individuals at the 2014 PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference, October 21-24, 2014, representing Marple Newtown High and Worrall Elementary School's Governor's Expanding Excellence Competitive Grants: Richard Slonaker, Gregory Puckett, Dennis Reardon, John Beltrante. (There is no cost to the district, as the expenses are covered in the grants).**
- H. Motion to approve the attendance of the following individual's at the one day training for Governor's Expanding Excellence Competitive Grant awardees on October 21, 2014: Steven Smilk from Marple Newtown High School and a team from Worrall Elementary School. (There is no cost to the district, as the expenses for substitute teachers and mileage are covered by the grants).**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine