

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, October 18, 2016  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**            **Committee:** Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matt Bilker

**Board:** Mr. A.J. Baker

**Administration:** Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Carol Carey, Mr. Chris Lee

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The August, 2016 minutes were approved by the committee. The September 20, 2016 was canceled.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

**A.** SCOIR – *Dr. Gregory Puckett*

Dr. Puckett told the committee that the District presently uses Naviance for college searches.

SCOIR is a social media program to assist students researching colleges. Mr. Jerry McCorry, presenter, said that SCOIR provides the student and parents with the financial aid process, as well as to help the student find a college based on the student's interest. The next step will be to have a parent night sometime in November.

**B.** High School Course Selection guide – *Mrs. Lauren Hopkins*

Mrs. Hopkins told the committee that there are several changes to the 2017-2018 Curriculum Guide.

**Health and Physical Education** – approximately 25% of the class time in Strength Training I will be spent in a classroom instead of the weight room, teaching students about the safety and

science behind lifting. This requires a change to the course descriptions for both Strength Training I and Strength Training II.

**Mathematics** – High School Administration changed the Direct Instruction Algebra I for ninth graders to a 2-year Algebra I course. The first course, Algebra I Part A (9<sup>th</sup> grade) is taught by a special education teacher and those students who take the first course will go on to the second course, Algebra I Part B, in their sophomore year. Students do not elect to take Algebra I Part A or B, but rather are placed in this class by administrative decision. For the 2017-2018 school year, we are changing the name of the courses so that all students will have Algebra I on their transcripts upon graduation. Course names will be changed to Introduction to Algebra I (Grade 9) and Algebra I (Grade 10).

**Science** – Due to the adoption of the Project Lead the Way program, high school administration will need to change the title and course description of the Human Anatomy and Physiology class that was introduced last year. It would be named Human Body Systems (Grades 11, 12). The Science Department would also like to add a new semester-long elective called Wildlife Conservation (Grades 10,11,12).

**World Language** – Spanish teachers would like students to take Advanced Spanish Studies before AP Spanish. This year, the high school offered Pre-AP Spanish in order to transition and for next year. They will eliminate Pre-AP Spanish and move Advanced Spanish Studies, with a new course description, so that it precedes AP Spanish.

**Visual and Performing Arts** – The high school is looking to add two new electives for next year. They are Photography IV (Grades 11,12), and Illustration and Cartooning II (Grades 10,11,12).

**Keystone Courses** – Course descriptions for the Keystone Remediation courses will be amended to read: students must either attain proficiency on the Keystone Exam or pass a remediation course.

For the class of 2018 and all subsequent classes, students must score proficient on the Keystone Exam in order to meet MNHS graduation requirements. Students who do not score proficient will be required to pass a Keystone Remediation course.

### **Prerequisite Changes**

**Personal Finance** – The prerequisite is being changed from successful completion of Algebra II to successful completion of Algebra I.

**AP Studio Art – Drawing and 3-D Design** – This course will be re-worded to reflect a definition of what “successful completion” of the previous classes mean. It will read: Earned a B+ or above in Studio Art I and successful portfolio review by the student’s art instructor.

**Robotics** – This course will be changed from successful completion of a technology engineering course to successful completion of Innovative Design I or CAD I.

**C. APPS for Teachers – Mr. Christopher Lee**

Mr. Chris Lee provided a link, <http://www.mnsd.org/Congent2/772> for the website that he created for APPS for teachers. It is called Chrome APPS for Education.

**D. Data Inquiry-Conversations in MN – Dr. Constance Bompadre**

Dr. Bompadre shared with the committee how the administration is holding conversations about data to inform instruction. The powerpoint includes a plan on how to enhance district and school level use of data.

**E. Trips/Transportation/Activity Fee – Dr. Constance Bompadre**

Currently, activities that are assessed fees include all interscholastic school sports; band, chorus and orchestra; all students involved in the production of school plays and musicals; speech team; debate team; Hi-Q; forensics; math club.

The fee will apply to any extra-curricular activities that meet the following criteria:

- Activity must involve a supplemental employee contract (i.e. compensated coach, director, or sponsor)
- Activity must meet more than one of the following criteria:
  - Activity takes place outside of normal school hours
  - Involves MN students in either competitions or performances
  - Requires MNSD transportation

The newly formed Mock Trial Club would fall under activity fee.

**Middle School recommendation** – add 6<sup>th</sup> grade intramurals as part of the activity fee.

**Middle/High School recommendation** – provide the following academic clubs with transportation and pay fees for competitions:

**Science Olympiad**                      High School & Paxon Hollow

**Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)**      High School & Paxon Hollow

**Reading Olympics**                      High School, Paxon Hollow and Elementary

**Robotics**                                      Paxon Hollow

- Under these academic clubs, there is no supplemental for the sponsor
- Transportation (local) and fees will be paid by the district
- Travel beyond 50 miles will need board approval

## **Intramural Proposal for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students**

There are currently 24 units allotted for intramurals in the MNEA agreement. The district has not budgeted for this since the 2008-2009 school year. Students in 6<sup>th</sup> grade are not permitted to participate in PIAA sports. Intramural activities would be offered in the fall, winter, and spring. A list was provided of the proposed activities with the number of units. Bowling requires transportation to and from Sproul Lanes. Swimming requires transportation to the high school. Students are picked up at the high school. Bowling and swimming are twice a week for five weeks. All other activities run Monday through Thursday for five weeks.

### **VI. Motions**

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

#### **Donations:**

- A. Motion to accept the donation of dictionaries to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students in the Marple Newtown School District from the Broomall Rotary Organization.**

#### **Calendar:**

- B. Motion to approve a change to the 2016-2017 district calendar making Thursday, January 26, 2017 a full day for high school students.**

#### **Teacher Conference:**

- C. Motion to approve Mrs. Samantha Partridge and Mrs. Jody Farkas, teachers, to attend a two day co-teaching conference in Cherry Hill, NJ on November 29-30, 2016. The purpose of the conference is to learn strategies for co-teaching writing and math this year. They will provide professional development to elementary teachers across the district as needed. The total cost of the conference is \$798.00. The total cost for the mileage to and from the conference for two days is \$87.00 The total cost to the district is \$ 885.00.**

#### **Student Trips:**

- D. Motion to approve Mr. Arch Hunter, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Social Studies students to travel to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA on December 2, 2016. The students will be studying the Battle of Gettysburg. The total cost per student is \$45.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

- E. Motion to approve Mrs. Jen Cipollone, counselor, Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor, and Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Renaissance students to travel to Morey's Pier in Wildwood, NJ on May 31, 2017 for a renaissance recognition event. The total cost per student is \$50.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- F. Motion to approve Mrs. Karen Sigel, teacher, Mr. Dean Vlahos, teacher, and Mrs. Nancy Campo, teacher, to accompany the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, PA on June 8, 2017. The class will be learning Pennsylvania rise of big business, geography of business, and population study. The total cost per student is \$55.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

**Club Trips:**

- G. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish, USA (Paintball) in Jim Thorpe, PA on December 10, 2016. The total cost per student is \$85.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- H. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Camelback, Tannersville, PA on December 17, 2016. The total cost per student is \$50.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- I. Motion to approve Dr. Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Model U.N. Club to travel to the M.U.N. Conference in Hershey, PA on January 6-8, 2017. The total cost per student is \$320.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- J. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Stowe, Vermont on January 13-15, 2017. The total cost per student is \$375.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- K. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the MHHS Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Bear Creek in Lehigh Valley, PA on January 27, 2017. The total cost per student is \$50.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- L. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the MHHS Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Bear Creek in Lehigh Valley, PA on February 16, 2017. The total cost per student is \$50.00 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

**Athletic Trips:**

- M. Motion to approve Mr. Steven Resnick, coach, to accompany the MNHS Varsity Wrestling Team to travel to Hamilton High School North, in Hamilton, NJ on December 17, 2016 for a competition. The total cost to the district is \$544.00.**
  
- N. Motion to approve Mr. Steven Resnick, coach, to accompany the MNHS Varsity Wrestling Team to travel to Dallastown Area High School in Dallastown, PA on January 14, 2017 for a competition. The total cost to the district is \$840.00.**
  
- O. Motion to approve Mr. Steven Resnick, coach, to accompany the MNHS Varsity Wrestling Team to travel to New Oxford High School in New Oxford, PA on January 20-21, 2017 for a tournament. The total cost to the district is \$928.00.**
  
- P. Motion to approve Mr. Chris Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, to accompany the High School Football Team to travel to Orlando, FL on August 24-28, 2017 for the team's first game that was PIAA approved. The total cost per student is between \$1200.00 and \$1500.00 paid by the students, which includes airfare, hotel and food. The cost for bus transportation to and from the airport is \$800.00. The total cost to the district is \$800.00.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Carolyn Paine**