

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

Administration Building Board Room

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

Board: Ms. Kathryn Chandless

Administration: Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Dorie Pitone, Mr. Matthew Flood, Mr. Christopher Oakes, Mr. Matthew Oberecker, Mr. Dennis Reardon, Mr. Christopher Lee, Mr. Barry Williams, Dr. TJ Gretchen, Mrs. Stephanie Sturdivant, Dr. Tina Kane, Ms. Christa Palladino, Mr. Christian Jaspersen and Mr. John Beltrante.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The April 2019 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Teachers of Excellence – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre presented the Teachers of Excellence nominated by their Principal. The principals presented the awards to the following teachers: Jill Bialy of Culbertson, Peggy Stathes of Loomis, Chelsea Mikhail of Russell, Kathy Walker of Worrall, Christine Roy, of Marple Newtown High School and Dan Collins of Paxon Hollow Middle School. Dan Collins was selected to represent our school district at the Franklin Mint Teacher of Excellence dinner. A former student, Ron Nagel, presented Mr. Collins with his award.

B. Young Authors – Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone

Young Authors and Poets winners were presented with awards by their teachers. The winners included: Finn Boyle, Isabella Zahner, Madelena Wiacek, Jack Cellucci, Noelle Mancini, Gianna Roselli, Colin Thomas, Mia Saavedra-Nishio. Congratulations to all of our winners.

C. Youth Aid Panel – Mr. Barry Williams

Mr. Barry Williams reported on the Youth Aid Panel, a program he would like to bring into the district. Reshma Kothari, Director of Youth Programs, presented on the Youth Panel Aid program offered to first time summary offenders. Twenty-nine township police departments are currently working with 250 community volunteers. The purpose of the program is to work with first time offenders to counsel and rectify situations, so one can walk away without a record. She reported this program has a 98% success rate. This panel will work with our Director of Safety in these planning stages.

D. Curriculum Audits – Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone and Dr. Joyce Mundy

Dr. Pitone reported on the Curriculum Audits. A culminating report will be posted to the website after it is presented at the June CIT Meeting. Dr. Mundy reported that preliminary findings showed every classroom was welcoming and displayed dedication to student services.

E. STEM Committee Update – Mr. Christopher Oakes and Dr. T.J. Gretchen

Mr. Oakes and Dr. Gretchen presented an update on the STEM Committee's progress this year. The group was divided into two groups, one group focusing on Elementary STEM and one on Secondary STEM, incorporating critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The Committee worked on three areas of need including professional development in the area of STEM and design thinking, Peer Coaching in STEM and Family Engagement in STEM experiences. The goals for the 2019-2020 school year include the implementation of a 9th grade STEM day, similar to the Project 10, Junior Initiative and Senior Project.

F. STEM Family Literacy Night – Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Mr. Christopher Oakes, Mr. Matthew Flood and Mr. Matthew Oberecker

Dr. Martin, Mr. Oakes, Mr. Flood and Mr. Oberecker reported on the STEM Literacy Night. There was a large turnout of students and their families who attended the evening. All academic areas of content were incorporated in the activities, and the Curriculum Department thanked everyone involved in making this evening a success.

VI. Motions

There were no comments on agenda motions. The following motions have been moved along to full Board.

May 2019 CIT Motions

Administrative Conference:

- A. Motion to approve Mr. Matthew Oberecker to attend the Next Generation Science Standards/Pennsylvania (NGSS/PA) in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 20-21, 2019. Mr. Oberecker was just notified on May 7, 2019 to be a part of the team to align the Pennsylvania Standards by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The cost of transportation is \$90.48. The cost of lodging is \$84.36. The total cost to the district is \$174.84.**

Teacher Training:

- B. Motion to approve Mr. Collin Hannan, teacher, to travel to Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey for Advanced Placement Training on August 5-8, 2019. The cost of the training is \$995.00. The total cost to the district is \$995.00.**
- C. Motion to approve Mrs. Lori Friedman, teacher, to travel to Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey for Advanced Placement Training on August 5-8, 2019. The cost of the training is \$995.00. The total cost to the district is \$995.00.**
- D. Motion to approve Mrs. Carmen Bilc, teacher, to travel to Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey for Advanced Placement Training on August 5-8, 2019. The cost of the training is \$995.00. The total cost to the district is \$995.00.**
- E. Motion to approve Mrs. Amy Gallagher, teacher, to travel to Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey for Advanced Placement Training on August 5-8, 2019. The cost of the training is \$995.00. The total cost to the district is \$995.00.**

Athletic Trips:

- F. Motion to approve Mr. Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Football Team to travel to Lebanon Valley College in Lebanon Valley, Pennsylvania for camp on July 13-16, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$500.00 paid by the boosters. The cost of the camp is \$350.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- G. Motion to approve Ms. Kimberly Foster, cheerleading coach, to accompany the Marple Newtown High School Cheerleaders to travel to Trails End Camp in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania on August 17-20, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$50.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$280.00 per student which includes cabin, food and camp, paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

Choir Trip:

- H. Motion to approve Mr. Christopher Vogel, teacher, and Mrs. Mary Anne Hrin, teacher, to accompany the High School Choir to travel to Orlando, Florida to perform with the Disney Orchestra and a Mass Choir at the annual Candlelight Processional in Epcot on December 18-23, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$95.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity, hotel and meals is \$750.00**

per student paid by the students. Mr. Vogel and Mrs. Hrin will be covering their own costs. There is no cost to the district for the students or the teachers.

Public Comment

A Russell parent voiced her concern on the number of students in the first grade classroom. Dr. Bompadre responded that the district is currently monitoring class sizes and that Grade 1 at Russell currently has a program in place providing additional 1:1 interaction and early intervention for any issues. A second parent, who has had former students in the district, voiced concern on the number of students in classrooms. The Board responded that they are following the guidance of the Curriculum Department and Principals on these issues.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary