

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE**  
**THURSDAY, September 19, 2017**  
**GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**                **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matt Bilker

**Board:** Ms. Kathy Chandless

**Administration:** Dr. Carol Cary, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. TJ Gretchen

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:41 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The August, 2017 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as presented.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

**A. Marple Newtown School District Strategic Vision Plan – *Dr. Carol Cary***

Dr. Cary spoke to the committee and audience members about the mission and vision and the difference between the two. She also spoke about levers that create vision;

**Excellence** - and how to achieve it

**Respect** – students benefit from schools that are committed to respecting and advancing the individual needs of learners

**Innovation-Collaboration-Community** – using advanced technologies, students are encouraged to find innovative solutions to real world problems

**Instructional Leadership and Systems** – students benefit from the high standards, engaging curricula, and systems approaches established in the Marple Newtown School District

**Enthusiasm and Integrity** – our students approach their character development with enthusiasm and integrity and use their talents in the service of others in order to build a better democracy for all

**Environment**- our students enjoy safe, healthy, well-maintained, effective and state of the art environments

## **Public Comments**

Several parents asked the committee if there was a class size policy. Mr. Altieri explained that Board takes the recommendation for staffing from the administration on class size after meeting with the Superintendent and other Administrators. Mr. Gretchen said that the teachers can effectively cover the curriculum. Mr. Gretchen did make a recommendation for a classroom assistant at Loomis. A parent from Culbertson spoke of the benefit of smaller class sizes.

A Loomis parent told the committee that last year's scores that were referred to in the SPP, School Performance Profile for Marple Newtown, were 68%, a 6 out 10 school rating. Dr. Cary said that all data and scores from Spring 2017 would be presented at the October meeting.

Another parent inquired about a demographic study. The study will be presented at the October Facilities meeting.

## **VI. Motions**

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

### **Calendar:**

- A. Motion to approve the change of date for the high school graduation from June 12, 2018 to June 15, 2018 due to a change in the event planning at Neumann University.**

### **Donation:**

- B. Motion to accept a donation from the Paxon Hollow Middle School PTO for an amount between \$12,000 and \$18,000 for the creation of a Maker Space in the Paxon Hollow Library Reference Room.**

### **Administrative Trip:**

- C. Motion to approve Mrs. Teri Werner to attend the Child Accounting Conference (ACAPA), on November 1-3, 2017 in Hershey, Pennsylvania. The total cost to the district will be \$936.00 which includes hotel, registration and mileage.**
- D. Motion to approve Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone to attend the Pennsylvania Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development Conference (PASCD), on November 12-13, 2017 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Dr. Pitone is the president of PASCD so there is no cost for the conference registration. The total cost to the district will be \$230.25 which includes lodging and mileage.**

### **Disposal of Books for Paxon Hollow Middle School:**

- E. Motion to approve the following books for disposal or donation:**

**125 - America: History of Our Nation**

**ISBN-13: 978-0133652697**  
**2009 Pearson**

**489 - America: History of Our Nation workbook**  
**ISBN-13: 978-0133699463**  
**2009 Pearson**

**35 - A Message from Ancient Days**  
**ISBN-13: 978-0618195534**  
**2003 Houghton Mifflin**

**268 - Geography Alive! Regions and People**  
**ISBN-13: 978-1583714263**  
**2006 TCI**

**160 - Geography Alive! Regions and People workbook**  
**ISBN-13: 978-1583714331**  
**2006 TCI**

**107 - America's Past and Promise**  
**ISBN-9780395867075**  
**1997 McDougal Littell**

**Disposal of Books for Marple Newtown High School:**

**F. Motion to approve the following books for disposal or donation**

**168 - Econ Alive: The Power to Choose**  
**ISBN-13:978-1-934534-26-7**  
**2010 Teachers Curriculum Institute**

**112 - Government Alive: Power, Politics, and You**  
**ISBN-13:978-1-934534-01-4**  
**2011 Teachers Curriculum Institute**

**168 - History Alive: Pursuing American Ideals**  
**ISBN-13:978-1-934534-51-9**  
**2008 Teachers Curriculum Institute**

**85 - Principles of Economics**  
**ISBN-13:978-0-324-59113-0**  
**2009 Cengage Learning**

**45 - The American Pageant, 14th Edition**  
**ISBN-13:978-0-547-16662-9**  
**2010 Cengage Learning**

**28 -The American Pageant, 15th Edition**  
**ISBN-13:978-1-111-83106-6**  
**2011 Cengage Learning**

**42 - Ways of the World: A Global History**  
**ISBN-13:978-0-312-64466-6**  
**2010 Bedford/St. Martin's**

**399 - World History: Human Legacy**  
**ISBN-13:9780030791116**  
**2008 Holt, Rinehart & Winston**

**55 - World History**  
**ISBN-13:978-0-495-56901-5**  
**2008 Wadsworth Cengage Learning**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine