

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, October 11, 2012
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Jim Lanzalotto, Mr. Robert Sack,
Mrs. Sherry Lee McAuliffe

Administration: Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee,
Mr. James Orwig, Mrs. Dianne Smith, Ms. Chris White, Dr. Stephen Subers, Mr.
Richard Slonaker, Mrs. Sue Mecouch, Ms. Sandra Schaal

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Galbraith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The September, 2012 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda, along with addendum items, was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. PSSA/Keystone Discussion – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre reviewed the 2012 PSSA data with the committee using a powerpoint demonstration. Regarding elementary PSSA data, any students who performed at the Basic or Below Basic levels, their needs were identified. Principals and teachers will assess their needs.

Dr. Bompadre reviewed Cohort information with the committee and had each content area supervisor discuss strengths and targeted areas for improving instruction for elementary and secondary instruction.

There was also discussion regarding Keystone Exams. For the 2012-2013 school year, all 11th grade students must take all 3 Keystone Exams (Algebra I, Biology, Literature). The plan for 2012 -2013 will be as follows: Any 11th grade student and students who have completed the course will take the Algebra I exam in January. Students taking Algebra I now will take the exam in May.

Any 11th grade students and students who have completed Biology will take the exam in December. Students taking Biology now will take the exam in May.

Literature students in 10th grade will take the exam in May. Literature students in 11th grade will take the exam in December.

B. Infinite Campus Update – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Mr. Lee told the committee that student accounts were created and distributed during the second week of school. Each student's information had to be entered in each time. This presented an issue with multiple students in different schools. Over 2,100 verification letters were sent out to district households. The Technology Department had to go through each one making changes and ensuring that parents are in the right places and seeing the correct students. Anticipated completion of this task is October 26, 2012.

C. Printer/Copier Leasing – *Mr. Chris Lee*

The copier leasing program started during the 2009/2010 school year and has reduced printing and copying inventory from 462 devices to 127 devices. The district had a net savings of \$65,000-\$75,000. This does not include paper consumables, which is the next phase.

The District would like to approach CMI, Corrigan Manning, who presently takes care of our copier needs. They have a longstanding partnership with the District and have, on numerous occasions, provided services without charge, such as copier moves for the high school and Gauntlett Center renovations.

VI. Motions

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

- A. Motion to approve Anita Stum, Teacher, to join 3 students from the Future Business Leaders of America Club at the High School attending the FBLA State Leadership Workshop in State College, PA on November 3-5, 2012. The 3 students will be dropped off by their parents to Haverford High School and will be joining students from Haverford High School to travel to the workshop accompanied by a Haverford High School teacher. Ms. Stum will be joining them on November 4th. The cost of the trip is \$127 per student and will be paid for by the FBLA Club students. There is no cost to the district.
- B. Motion to approve Arch Hunter, Teacher, to accompany 48 High School students to travel to the Gettysburg Battlefield in Gettysburg, PA on December 7, 2012. The cost of the trip is \$45 per student and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

- C. Motion to approve Chris Vogel, Teacher, to accompany 60 High School Choral students to travel to Chicago, IL on February 12-18, 2013 to perform with another high school choir from Skokie, IL. Students will be adjudicated by a faculty member from Northwestern University. The cost of the trip is \$575 per student and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- D. Motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 50 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Skirmish USA in Jim Thorpe, PA on December 15, 2012. The cost of the trip is \$85 per students and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- E. Motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 35 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor /club to travel to the Bear Creek Ski Resort in Macungie, PA on January 11, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$50 and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- F. Motion to approve Mike Snow, Teacher, to accompany 40 students from the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Mt. Snow Ski Resort in Brattleboro, VT on January 25-27, 2013. The cost of the trips is \$350 per student and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- G. Motion to approve Michele Lunn, Teacher, to accompany 220 students from Paxon Hollow Middle School to travel to PEEC in Dingman's Ferry, PA on May 15-17, 2013. The cost of the trip is \$230 per student and will be paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- H. Motion to approve the Jazz Improv Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to improve each club member in improvisation. The club advisor is Mike Massimo.

Addendums:

- A. Motion to approve the Kids Helping Kids Outreach Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to support students and families in need at PHMS. The club advisor is Patricia Kelly.
- B. Motion to approve the French Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to help students appreciate all things French! The club advisor is Kerri Confora.
- C. Motion to approve the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to teach and prepare students for the "real world". The club advisors are Holly Dunleavy and Karen Nash.
- D. Motion to approve the Badminton Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to introduce Badminton as a club because it is one of the Olympic games that people most know. The club advisor is Liz Landes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine