

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, January 15, 2019
Administration Building Board Room

PRESENT:

Committee: Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. John McKenzie

Board: Ms. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Matthew DeNucci

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Dorie Pitone, Mr. Matthew Oberecker, Mr. Christopher Oakes, Mr. John Beltrante, Mr. Christian Jaspersen, Ms. Christa Palladino

I. Call to Order

Ms. Chandless is leading the meeting on behalf of Mr. Altieri this evening and called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Ms. Chandless led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The November, 2018 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The Agenda was approved with the following addition:

Donation:

- L. Motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School PTO donation to purchase 2 Art displays for the Art Show in the amount of \$1,269.98 and ten monitors, mounts, and computers for the hallways in the amount of \$10,537.60.**

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. College and Career Transition (CCT) Course – Mrs. Christa Palladino

Mrs. Palladino reported on the new proposed course entitled “Career Pathways” which the high school would like to propose and introduce to 10th grade students. She reported that 90% of STEM jobs will require post-secondary training, and there is currently a 45% skills gap in this market. In 1989, under Chapter 339 school code, federal funds were allocated to career and technical programs. Pennsylvania already has a K-12 plan in

place and this course would bring together things we are currently doing with direct instruction and the opportunity to store artifacts. It would focus on college recruitment, SATs, career opportunities, financial information and trade schools. The course would run 3 of a 4 day cycle for a semester and staff is already available by reallocating resources in the building. Curriculum was purchased through Naviance and other schools in the area are willing to share materials. Any additional costs would be for three days of professional development for four staff members at \$3,432.00.

- B. Proposing an amendment to include the elementary honors choir (30 students) to travel to the Dorney Park Music Festival to be adjudicated on the same day as the Middle School Band and Chorus trip that was board approved in November, 2018. The elementary staff and students would leave on Friday, May 31st with Paxon Hollow and perform at a local high school for an adjudication followed by time at the park and the awards ceremony – Mrs. Mary Anne Hrin and Mr. Dan Peters.** Mrs. Hrin and Mr. Peters proposed to include 30 elementary honors choir students to join the Middle School trip to Dorney Park. It will provide the opportunity for students to perform and receive immediate feedback and comments. The Committee agreed this would be a productive opportunity for these students.

VI. Motions:

There was a motion to approve the addition of the course “Career Pathways”. There were no further comments on agenda motions or addendum donation, and all motions have been moved along to the full Board.

January 2019 CIT Motions

Course Addition:

- A. Motion to approve the addition of Career Pathways as a 10th grade, one semester mandatory course beginning with the class of 2022.**

Administrative/Teacher Conferences:

- B. Motion to approve Matthew Oberecker, supervisor, to travel to the Pennsylvania Educational Technology Expo and Conference (PETE & C) in Hershey, Pennsylvania on February 11-12, 2019. Mr. Oberecker is a presenter so the cost of the conference and lodging are covered by PETE & C. The cost of transportation is \$44.91. The total cost to the district is \$44.91.**
- C. Motion to approve Christina Rainville, teacher, and Christina Brennan, librarian, to attend the X-Stem conference in Washington, District of Columbia on March 19, 2019. (The teachers are investigating whether this conference is worthwhile to bring students in the future.) The cost of the conference is \$40.00. The cost of transportation is \$156.00. The total cost to the district is \$196.00.**

- D. Motion to approve M. Noelle Newton, counselor, to attend the Social Thinking Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on April 29-30, 2019. The cost of transportation and lodging is being paid by Ms. Newton. The cost of the conference is \$431.99. The total cost to the district is \$431.99.**

Student Trip:

- E. Motion to approve Anita Stum, teacher, to accompany 8 high school students to attend the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on April 8-10, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$899.79. The cost of the hotel and meals is \$174.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$850.00 for registration fee. The total cost to the district for transportation and registration is \$1,749.79.**
- F. Motion to approve Dr. Douglas Killough, teacher, to accompany 90 high school students from the American History Class and National Honor Society to travel to Washington, District of Columbia on April 17, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$40.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$6.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- G. Motion to approve a change to a trip to Allentown, Pennsylvania already approved by the School Board on November 27, 2018. The elementary honors choir will be joining the middle school music department to travel to Dorney Park on May 31, 2019. The elementary school choir will perform at a local high school for an adjudication and will participate in the awards ceremony. The cost of the activity will be \$46.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of transportation will be \$26.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

Club Trip:

- H. Motion to approve Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany members of the High School Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to Bear Creek in Macungie, Pennsylvania on February 8, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$500.00 paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$50.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

Athletic Trip (Date Change):

- I. Motion to approve a change of time for the Cheerleading Trip already approved by the School Board on August 28, 2018. They will be competing in Florida and the time for their competition is 9:00 AM on Friday, February 8, 2019. They needed to move their flight to Thursday morning from Thursday afternoon, February 7, 2019.**

Disposal of 5th Grade Books at Russell Elementary School:

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

Title-Pathways to Adventure – 1 book
Pub.Date- 2001 [Harcourt]
Subject-Reading/Language.Arts

Title-United States-Adventure in Time and Place – 9 books
Pub. Date-1997-[Macmillan/McGraw Hill]
Subject-Geography/ History

Title-Dictionary[Intermediate] – 10 books
Pub. Date-1983[Houghton-Mifflin]
Subject-Dictionary

Title-School Dictionary[Merrian-Webster's] – 3 books
Pub. Date-1995 [Merrian-Webster]
Subject- Dictionary

Title- Webster's New World Dictionary – 2 books
Pub. Date-1993-Modern Curriculum Press
Subject - Dictionary

Title-Scholastic Children's Dictionary – 4 books
Pub. Date 1996 (Scholastic Inc.)
Subject-Dictionary

Title- Mathematics – 2 books
Pub. Date-2002 (McGraw-Hill)
Subject-Math

Title- Story Town – 2 books
Pub- Date- 2008 (Harcourt)
Subject- Reading/Writing

Title- Dictionary – 2 books
Pub. Date - 1993 - (Thorndike-Barnhart)
Subject - Dictionary

Disposal of Spanish Books at Marple Newtown High School:

K. Motion to approve the following books for disposal or donation:

Abriendo Puertas: Lenguaje (22 copies)
© 2007 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 978-0-618-63342-5

Abriendo Puertas: Antologia de literatura en espanol Tomo I
(16 copies)
© 2003 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-22206-5

Abriendo Puertas: Antologia de literature en espanol Tomo II
(21 copies)

**© 2003 by McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-22207-3**

**Conexiones Comunicacion y cultura Third edition (20 copies)
© 2006 by Pearson Education
ISBN 0-13-194460-6**

**Album Second Edition (25 copies)
© 1993 by D. C. Health and Company
ISBN 0-669-17379-7**

**En Espanol Tres Workbook (very gently used) (36 copies)
© McDougal Littell
ISBN 0-618-30462-2**

**Una Vez Mas (21 copies)
© 1982 Longman Inc
ISBN 0-88334-164-6**

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Public Comment

A parent inquired about electronic learning devices (1:1) for students and requested a meeting with the high school Administration.

Another parent requested that a plan defining specific goals and measures to improve our district be implemented and provided on the website. Ms. Chandless responded that there have been discussions to form a Committee to work along with the Superintendent to handle this request. Mr. Driscoll will be asked to follow up. In addition, the parent asked for clarification about 11th grade Keystone data presented at the November CIT meeting. Mr. Oakes explained to the Board and public, the difference between the data presented at CIT as compared to the data posted on the website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Vannicola
Curriculum Secretary