

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Administration Building Board Room

PRESENT: **Committee:** Ms. Barbara Harvey

Board: Ms. Kathleen Chandless, Mr. A.J. Baker and Dr. Tina Kane

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Gerald Rodichok, Dr. Heather Logue, Dr. Dorie Pitone and Mr. Christopher Lee

I. Call to Order

Ms. Chandless is leading the meeting on behalf of Mr. Altieri this evening and called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The August 2019 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Updates on the ELA Curriculum Audit – Dr. Dorie Pitone

Dr. Pitone presented a video on the K-8 ELA Literacy Program summarizing the work performed with DCIU over this past summer. The Office of Teaching and Learning has applied for a grant to sustain this training in the Literacy content, aligning standards for implementation in the upcoming school year. There are five primary steps to implement this process including prioritizing standards based on value, name units of study, assigning priority standards, aligning the pace and sequencing calendar and creating the unit planners. Teachers will develop the curriculum and will meet as Cohort groups throughout the year to enhance the flow of learning and instruction.

B. Screening Tool for Gifted Identification (OLSAT) – Dr. Constance Bompadre and Dr. Gerald Rodichok

Dr. Bompadre and Dr. Rodichok reported on the Otis-Lennon School Ability Test (OLSAT). The school district will conduct screening for all second grade students in an effort to identify students who may be considered for subsequent gifted testing, focusing on reading and math skills, thinking skills, examination of verbal and nonverbal

performance and observation by gifted support teachers. Multiple criteria will be used to determine the needs for a GIEP or Child Study referral. Letters will be mailed to parents and information posted to the website. Parents will be given the opportunity to opt out per instructions in the letter.

C. Trauma Sensitive Schools (Partnerships) – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre reported on creating trauma sensitive classrooms and the district's partnerships with Cabrini University and the DCIU. During opening week, Colleen Lelli of The Barbara and John Jordan Center for Children of Trauma and Domestic Violence Education gave a presentation to teachers on Grit Determination and Resilience, focusing on trauma sensitivity in schools. The goal is to educate teachers and school personnel on the effects of domestic violence and the struggles children face in school. This group will follow-up at individual school faculty meetings this fall to answer questions.

Carolyn Wilson-Reilly, our DCIU liaison, is working with a secondary team in our district through STOP the Violence Grant to reduce school violence, identify and address trauma and build support for a district's most vulnerable students. This is a three-year partnership and the goal is to have every member of the team trained in all three areas including Mental Health, Trauma Informed Care and Crisis Prevention and Intervention. The team will conduct turn-around training for all staff.

VI. Motions

Motions were approved and will be moved along to the full Board.

September 2019 CIT Motions

Memorandum of Understanding:

- A. Motion to approve the Reading Olympics Memorandum of Understanding between the Delaware County Intermediate Unit and the Marple Newtown School District.**

Athletic Trips:

- B. Motion to approve Ms. Kimberly Foster, cheerleading coach, to accompany the High School Cheerleaders to travel to Hershey, Pennsylvania on January 9 to January 11, 2020 to compete in the PIAA State Competition if they qualify at Districts. The total cost of transportation is \$550.00. The total cost of the hotel/food plus entry fee is \$1700.00. The total cost to the district is \$2250.00.**
- C. Motion to approve Ms. Kimberly Foster, cheerleading coach, to accompany the High School Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, Florida on February 5 to February 11, 2020 to compete in the UCA Nationals if they qualify at the Regionals. The total cost of transportation is \$181.20 for bus to and from**

airport paid by the students/parents. The cost of airfare is \$400.00 per student paid by the students/parents. The cost of hotel/food is \$800.00 per student by the students/parents. There is no cost to the district.

Donation or Disposal:

- D. Motion to approve the donation or disposal of the following outdated Paxton Hollow Middle School Anthology textbooks:**

27 McDougal Littell Literature
ISBN 13:978-0-618-94491-0
Published by McDougal Littell
Copyright 2008

57 InterActive Reader and Writer for Critical Analysis
ISBN 13: 978-0-618-92120-1
McDougal Littell
Copyright 2008

28 Grammar for Writing
ISBN 13:978-0-618-56616-7
Published by McDougal Littell
Copyright 2008

40 Immigrant Kids
ISBN 978-0-14-037594
Penguin Groups
Copyright 1980

- E. Motion to approve the donation or disposal of an Ultima 65 laminator at the High School which is 20 years old. The laminator no longer works and is missing parts.**

Public Comment

A parent questioned whether students at the middle school in same grade levels are on different Math tracks based on their teacher. Dr. Kane questioned if the students were taking the same course as the title of course would delineate the track and pace. She referred the parent to Mr. Oakes, Assistant Director of Teaching and Learning, who can assist her in this matter.

A parent questioned when the emergency card information entered by parents electronically would be available to the nurses' offices. It was reported that a student was not able to receive over the counter medication due to the nurse's inability to access the medical emergency card through the computer system. Mr. Lee explained that registration has changed to an electronic version, and the information is in the system. He will follow-up with Ms. Brachman.

A parent questioned if the district would consider updating the Demographic Study as he is not able to attend the Facilities Meeting next week. He is concerned that the anticipated numbers have surpassed proposed expectations. Ms. Chandless reported that she will follow-up with Mr. Driscoll regarding this study.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary