



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Thursday, April 5, 2018

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Laurie Waxler

Committee Members: Karen McAvoy, Melissa Phillips, Chris McCaffrey

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laurie Waxler, Karen McAvoy, Chris McCaffrey, Melissa Phillips, Maria Ziolkowski, Terrie Taylor, Rob Scoboria, Scott Arnst, Jessica Lengle, Mike Cafoncelli and Lynette Waller

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 8:31 am

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Monday, March 5, 2018.
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Monday, March 5, 2018 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment *None*

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Update

WHEC

Office Depot presented the STEAM Design Center Proposal to a small group of teachers and administrators. The proposal showed the design concept and product solutions with a focus on flexible classroom space with adaptability for grades K-4. The proposal will be included in the Board packet for discussion on April 9, and approval on April 23. Once approved the order would be placed immediately with delivery and installation over the summer. The estimated cost is approximately \$15,000, which is \$10,000 less than projected. Another meeting will be held in the coming weeks to finalize all color choices and measurements.

WREC

The furniture and storage solutions for the WREC Design Center have been delivered and installed. The room looks great and the students are enjoying their new learning environment. The committee viewed pictures of the items purchased for the center. An Open House for the Design Center has been scheduled for April 26, during the 6th Grade Wax Museum, to introduce parents and the community to the new STEAM Design room. Students will showcase the resources used for instruction. Sessions will be held during the day and in the evening. The District will be promoting the opening to parents and community members.

JSHS Proposal

Members of the administrative team completed the initial review of the STEAM Design Center Proposal from Office Depot. The furniture and storage solutions for this space focused on durability, storage and flexibility. The team requested revisions to the proposal to accommodate additional students and provide additional storage solutions. The next review will be with teachers and the architect for the STEAM project. Once the final revisions are incorporated into the plan, the proposal will be shared with the board for review and approval. Due to the scope of the project at WHEC and JSJS, Office Depot has identified a project manager for both projects to coordinate the project with Mike Cafoncelli.

Administration is continuing to meet with departments to discuss the STEAM Pathways. A meeting was held with the Art department last week. Meetings with the math and English departments will be held this month. BCIU is also working on developing pathways for curriculum. Meetings will be held from May to December. The District will have a few JSJS teachers, guidance and administrators join in the county-wide discussion and planning.

Special Education Plan

April 5, 2018 is the last day for the Special Education Plan to be available for public view. The District has received approximately 15 comments, some formal through the website submission option and others through informal conversations. Many of the comments were surrounding questions specific to individual students and allowed parents to look ahead to what the District offers beyond WHEC and WREC. Other questions were related to our internal processes for supporting our students with special needs in other departments within our District (ie. How does our IT Department support technology usage among our special needs students?). Mrs. Lenge will present the Special Education Plan to the board on April 9, and the Plan will be on the agenda for Board approval on April 23, 2018. The entire Plan must be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education by May 1, 2018.

New Business

RACC Summer STEAM Program Pilot

On April 3, a planning meeting was held with the Reading Area Community College to discuss a pilot Summer STEAM Program for rising 9th and 10th graders. There would be two sessions offered over the summer focusing on environmental sciences, forensics, engineering and biology and health sciences. The students will identify a real-world problem they want to solve. RACC will provide students with real career exploration experiences as they work with professors to try to solve their problem. Administration will continue to work with RACC on the program logistics and marketing

PA Future Ready Index

The committee was provided with an overview of the Future Ready PA Index, which is the new comprehensive, public-facing school progress reporting tool from the PA Department of Education. The Future Ready Index will include a wide range of evidence-based indicators. The Performance Indicators will include Statewide Assessment Measures, On-Track Measures, College and Career Readiness Measures. The PA Department of Education will determine the statewide interim target and individual improvement targets for all schools. The Future Ready PA Index goes into effect during the 2018-2019 school year.

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: Monday, May 7, 2018

Adjournment: 9:54pm by Laurie Waxler

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent