



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Monday, February 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, Susan Larkin, Maria Ziolkowski, Terrie Taylor, Rob Scoboria, Scott Arnst, Jessica Lengle and Lynette Waller

Committee Members Absent: None

Public Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 5:03 pm

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Thursday, January 4, 2018.
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Thursday, January 4, 2018 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment

Mark Proudfoot expressed his concern about the number of snow days, half days and early dismissals. He asked if 5-8 days could be added to the calendar to allow for more time to teach. As his question is contractual in nature, if considered, it would need to be added to future negotiations.

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Update

WHEC – A meeting was held with Office Depot on January 25, to discuss room layout, storage, technology needs and furniture for the STEAM Design room

WREC – The District has received two of the three orders for the new furniture and storage solutions for the STEAM Design Center at WREC. The last shipment of the tables and chairs are scheduled to ship on March 1, barring any further delays for weather.

JSHS – The architect plans for the STEAM wing have been reviewed with the teachers currently in that section of the building to ensure the appropriate placement and voltage for outlets and placement of data ports. The requested Technology and Computer Science materials and resources have been prioritized based on curricular alignments.

Parent/Community Communication Plan Update

Mr. Arnst provided an update on the district communication systems. Mr. Arnst first shared an update on the Broadcast phase of the project and that an additional \$3,439 was recovered from negative lunch balances. Mr. Arnst then provided a demonstration of the updated district website including new quick links based on analytics, navigation of each school building, news sections, and layered calendars.

Comprehensive Planning Update

Development continues on the District's Comprehensive Plan. As part of the data gathering and stakeholder input components of the plan, the District will be administering a stakeholder survey from late February (28) until mid-March (14). Afterwards, two stakeholder meetings will be held in the Spring to review the survey data, set district priorities and determine our action steps. Over the summer, the stakeholder input and district data analysis will be formalized into the Comprehensive Plan, as required by the PA Dept. of Education and into an Executive Summary. This information will be presented to the Board on September 10, and posted for public review on September 17. The goal will be to have the plan Board approved on October 22, and submitted to PDE by November 30.

2018 – 2019 School Calendar

The committee reviewed the revised 2018-2019 school calendar, reflecting the finalized dates for PSSA testing from PDE and an additional snow day built into the calendar. The calendar will be on the February 12, agenda for Board approval.

New Business

ESSA

Last month, the USDE approved Pennsylvania's Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Consolidated Plan. The [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#), reauthorizes the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) of 1965 and replaces No Child Left Behind (NCLB) as the nation's main education law. The focus of ESSA is to ensure that all students have access to a world-class education that prepares them for college, career, and life. A key initiative of the Pennsylvania's State Consolidated ESSA plan is the Future Ready PA Index. This public facing report card will be operational in the Fall of 2018.

Kindergarten Registration

Kindergarten registration for the 2018-19 school year has started. Orientation sessions will be held April 25-27 at the Wyomissing Hills Elementary Center. The committee reviewed the Kindergarten Registration poster that will be going out into our community - preschools, post office, library, IU, and local day care providers. We are also looking into the cost for yard signs.

Dual Enrollment

Chris McCaffrey expressed an interest in the District considering a Dual Enrollment option for students and shared information that he has researched. The committee discussed the correlation to AP courses and any staffing or course requirements. The administration has had preliminary conversations with administration and guidance. Additional information will be gathered and shared with the committee.

Transportation Requests:

The committee reviewed the following transportation requests which will be on the February 12, Board agenda:

- PMEA Region V Choir – March 1 - 3 at Annville Cleona
- PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra – March 22 – 24
- All-State Chorus Festival – April 19 – 21 – in Lancaster
- PMEA All-State Conference and Festival – April 18 – 21 in Lancaster
- Ski Club – Vermont – February 23 - 25

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 5, 2018

Adjournment: 5:48pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent