



# Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

## Curriculum/Technology Committee

Monday, September 10, 2018

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Laurie Waxler

Committee Members: Karen McAvoy, Melissa Phillips, Chris McCaffrey

### Meeting Minutes

**Attendees:** Laurie Waxler, Karen McAvoy, Melissa Phillips, Susan Larkin, Terrie Taylor, Maria Ziolkowski, Chris McCaffrey, Rob Scoboria, Jessica Lengle, Scott Arnst and Mark Boyer

**Committee Members Absent:** None

**Public Attendees:** Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 6:38 pm

#### Approval of Minutes

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

**Public Comment:** None

#### Old Business

##### Technology Integration – Update

JSHS – iPad rollout occurred just before school began with students scheduling appointments to pick up their iPad. Seniors were first, followed by underclassmen with 7<sup>th</sup> graders receiving them the first week of school. Over the summer, the IT department supported the JSHS guidance department to complete college applications and with English teachers to complete essays.

WREC – Students received their iPads the first week of school and they are 1:1 for the first time to start a school year.

WHEC - iPad rollout at WHEC occurred last week with District Technology Coaches and IT department staff supporting the rollout. Each classroom had at least one additional adult to help with the rollout. Students were assigned to individual iPads and the entire process took approximately .5 – 1 hour per classroom. Additionally, at WHEC, all teachers have

implemented ClassDojo as their Learning Management System. Not only does this free system allow for work produced on the iPads to be maintained by creating a portfolio for individual students, it also allows for greater communication between home and school – an area WHEC staff identified they'd like to strengthen.

### **STEAM Innovation – Update**

JSHS – Dr. Jones is currently working with a few teachers to develop and solidify the STEAM Innovations Pathways. They are looking at course sequences, course titles and curriculum sequences. They are developing one Pathways model that would include adding one professional staff member to the JSHS staff and one Pathway model that would not include the need for any additional staff. The goal is to have this completed by the November committee meetings, at which time Dr. Jones will also be presenting the Program of Studies. WREC – STEAM Innovations is continuing this year and was able to begin with this programming on Day 1.

WHEC – STEAM Exploration is officially a “special” at WHEC. Dr. Wengerd's, who was a previous first grade teacher was hired last year as our new STEAM Explorations teacher. Dr. Wengerd has already reached out to the faculty at all grade levels to help with integrating technology and inquiry based lessons within the classroom, in addition to the STEAM Exploration special the students will be receiving. Students receive the STEAM special once every 6-day cycle and 1-2 days of the cycle, special education students will receive an adapted STEAM special. Mrs. Stacey Hughes, the Elementary Gifted Teacher and Rob Kucharczuk, former Technology Integration Coach and now the new Assistant Principal at the Hills, wrote the curriculum framework, while Mrs. Lynette Waller supported and guided the process. Curriculum was also vertically aligned to include what was being done at West Reading. The curriculum is very fluid and will be constantly changing.

Breakdown by quarters for the Hills:

Quarter 1: 4 C's: Critical Thinking, Communication, Collaboration and Creativity

Quarter 2: Coding and Computational Skills

Quarter 3: Robotics and Circuitry

Quarter 4: Maker Space/Genius Hour.

Dr. Wengerd will be soliciting donated items sometime this fall – things like used Legos, scrapbook paper, wooden blocks, bead and buttons etc.

Students at WHEC are still receiving gym, art, music, library and chorus. Best part of the new schedules is all grade levels now have common planning time, which was a need identified through our MTSS team and grade levels teams.

K – took the place of their second art class

1<sup>st</sup> – took the place of their second art class

2<sup>nd</sup> – took the place of their second music class

3<sup>rd</sup> – took the place of their second gym class

4<sup>th</sup> – took the place of chorus, however, chorus was moved to another block of the day and are now running a five-day letter schedule

An additional block of time has been established in Dr. Wengerd's schedule and the art teacher's schedule to accommodate special education students.

### **Website – Update**

Our new district website rolled out over the summer with very few glitches. One added bonus to the new site is we've empowered some of the authors and have allowed for additional administration to edit their own content.

### **JSHS Internship Program – Pilot Update**

The JSHS Administration and Guidance Department are working together to identify students who would be appropriate to participate in this pilot program. Ideally, approximately 10 students would participate in an 'in-house' internship program this spring. The goal would be to work out any kinks to allow for students to participate in an internship program next fall outside of the District. All of the necessary forms and documents are being finalized now to have our solicitor review to ensure our students and District are protected. A JSHS teacher has volunteered to help with this pilot to support the admin and guidance teams from a teacher's perspective.

### **New Business**

**State Achievement Testing** – In late July we received preliminary scores for our students on state testing. We hope to receive demographic score reports, as well as individual student reports, soon and will share those results at that time. In previous years, individual student score reports came before our Open Houses and we are able to disseminate them at that time. This year, the score reports will likely be mailed home and/or sent with students.

**Connect with Us - #WYOAREASpartans** – This hashtag was voted on by school staff during our staff in-services in August. The Board received a copy of the poster last Friday and that has since been put out on social media, to parents in email through School Messenger and is hung in all of our buildings.

**Comprehensive Plan** – Thanks to Mrs. Waller's work with many different stakeholders in the spring, our Comprehensive Plan is nearly ready for public review. At the next Curriculum Committee meeting, the Executive Summary and the Draft Plan will be shared. The day after that committee meeting, the plan will go on the website for public view for 28 days. Finally, in November, the plan will be presented at a Board meeting and listed on the agenda for approval.

**Technology Department Audit** – The Administration is proposing to enter an agreement with the BCIU to conduct an audit of our Information Technology and Professional Development services. This service would provide the District with a review of existing gaps in IT resources, services, and professional development to provide operational support for the district's IT infrastructure, services, and instructional goals. The audit would consist of a review of our IT organization structure – where they review internal and external IT staffing, job descriptions, roles responsibilities, certifications, and capacity – and it would also develop a professional development needs assessment of leadership and support staff – where they would collect perception data regarding needs and expectations of school leaders and support staff in line

with technology implementation and use across the district. The total cost for this process would be \$2380 and with the committee's approval, will be moved forward for a full Board vote later this month.

**Immunization Requirements** – District school nurses worked diligently over the summer be sure that the approximately 200 students who were noncompliant with immunization requirements to prevent them from being excluded from school On September 5. Only two students were excluded that day, but they were able to return the following day.

**Instruction in the Home Request** – We have one request for 8 weeks of Homebound Instruction.

**Announcements:** None

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday, October 9, 2018

**Adjournment:** 6:59 pm

Respectfully submitted by Jessica Lenge, Director of Special Education