



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Monday, February 6, 2017

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: **Laurie Waxler**

Committee Members: **Susan Larkin and Maria Ziolkowski**

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laurie Waxler, Susan Larkin, Maria Ziolkowski and Ryan Redner

Committee Members Absent: none

Public Attendees: Sign-in sheet attached

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 11:00 am

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Friday, January 6, 2017
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Friday, January 6, 2017 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment: None

Old Business:

English Language Arts Instructional Resources

Jim Comerford presented resources proposed for the 2017-2018 school year. The resources included Pearson materials to support the 7,8,9 grade anthology currently in use, and Pearson literature series for grade 10; 11th and 12th grade teachers will remain novel based. The purchase would include reference workbooks and online digital licenses for *The Language of Composition*, *Sadlier-Oxford Vocabulary Workshop*, and *MLA Handbook*. Mr. Comerford also presented the proposed 8th grade Summer reading choices (*Ghost*, *The 7th Most Important Thing*, *A Time to Dance*, and *I Will Always Write Back*).

2017 – 2018 Calendar

Mrs. Waller presented the 2017 – 2018 draft calendar in January for the committee to review. On January 11, the calendar was shared with WAEA for discussion. The calendar will be on the February 13 agenda for final approval.

ESL Programming

The ESL teachers are in the process of reviewing program resources that will provide seamless ESL instruction for grades K-12. The teachers are considering HMH, National Geographic, and Voyager Sopris. Resources are being assessed for instructional components for non-English speakers, alignment to core subject instruction, progress monitoring and assessments. The team will present their recommendation to the Curriculum Committee in the coming months.

STEAM Innovation Design Plan – Update

Site Visits – A group of teachers and administrators participated in two site visits last month. The Saint Thomas More School, Downingtown STEM Academy and the Upper Merion High School. During the Saint Thomas More School (an Apple Distinguished School) on January 26, teachers and administrators were able to see the integration of iPads for instruction in grades K-8. They also heard panel discussions with students, teachers, instructional coaches and IT staff. The group reported many similarities between the work we are doing here in Wyomissing and learned additional ideas for building internal capacity and providing support for teachers. The Downingtown STEM Academy and the Upper Merion High School visit was held on January 10, during this visit the team of teachers and administrators had an opportunity to see makerspaces and talk to the teachers who were utilizing the space and resources. After the visit the team collaborated to discuss thoughts about the space and instructional components. Curt Minich and Andy Siggins shared those ideas with the committee. Admin team made the recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Committee with the purpose of guiding the STEM initiative district wide.

New Business:**Kindergarten Orientation and Registration**

Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for March 22, 23, and 24. Orientation information is available on the district website. Parents can register for Kindergarten orientation online and download the registration packet.

AP French

AP French is a new course that will be offered at the JSHS starting next fall. The instructor for the course is required to attend training offered by the College Board. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

WASD/Alvernia University Partnership

The district has been invited to partner with Alvernia University to provide continued professional development for teachers at a reduced cost. Through this partnership, teachers will be able to earn continuing education credit towards an advanced degree or certification such as ESL, Special Education, principal certification or letter of eligibility. The MOU will be on the February 13 board agenda for approval.

Homebound Instruction

We have one student in need of home bound instruction. The teachers providing the instruction were presented at personnel and will be on the board agenda for approval.

Field Trip Requests

Ski Club: Vermont, February 25-27

The music department has two field trip requests:

Northeast Regional Orchestra March 8 – March 10 (4 students participating)

Regional Band Festival: March 23 to March 25 (1 student auditioning)

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 12:14 p.m.

Next Meeting Date: Monday, March 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent