



# Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

## Curriculum/Technology Committee

Monday, April 3, 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 Jennafer Reilly, Scott Arnst, Jessica Lengle, Jennifer Mangold, Lynette Waller, and Julie Vicente

**Committee Members Absent:** none

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

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 11:03 am

### Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Monday, March 6, 2017 with the addition of Jennafer Reilly's name to the list of attendees for the Monday, March 6, 2017 meeting.
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Monday, March 6, 2017 were approved with modifications.

**Public Comment:** None

### Old Business

### ESL Instructional Resources

Jennifer Mangold presented the district ESL K-12 curriculum proposal for the 2017-2018 school year, which included the National Geographic program that incorporates language, vocabulary, reading, writing and content. The program easily adapts to meet the needs of all learners, no matter what level of English Language Proficiency a student possesses. National Geographic includes three programs: Reach, which covers grades K-6; Inside, which covers intermediate grades 6-8; and Edge, which covers materials 9-12. It layers and scaffolds skills and strategies to ensure that all ESL students are able to reach high levels of success. The consistent program across all buildings will eliminate gaps in instruction for any students moving in between buildings. This program will allow us to create a stronger, more rigorous ESL program for our

growing student population, as well as fulfill 2017 state requirements. We have given our list of requested materials to the vendor and are awaiting a price quote.

### **Gifted Screener and Programming**

Mrs. Lengle presented an overview of the administration of the CogAT Screening Form that was administered to 2nd graders in January. Parents were invited to a meeting earlier in the year to discuss the screener. Parents will now receive a letter with individual student results; letters will be sent with report cards. Based on the stanine scores, those scoring 9 will be recommended for further testing and our procedure for securing parental permission per Chapter 16 will be followed; those scoring a stanine score of 8 will have additional classroom observations and then a determination will be made based on collected data whether additional testing will be conducted. All families will receive a letter and a student summary; additional information will be available by contacting the district. Mrs. Lengle also shared a resource manual and brochure describing gifted programming at WASD that reviews the gifted services that are available. The resource manual and brochure will be posted on the website.

### **STEAM Innovation Design Plan - Update**

The first meeting for the Ad Hoc Committee for STEM integration was held on Wednesday, March 29, 2017. The Committee consists of staff from across the district representing both elementary and secondary levels and various content areas. During the first meeting, the committee began their collective thinking as a group about what STEM education will look like in all grades of WASD. The next meeting will be on Friday, April 7. During this meeting, the committee will craft the vision for STEM education and will complete a needs assessment/evaluation. The results of the needs assessment/evaluation will become the basis for the identification of three priority areas. From the priority areas, the committee will create goals and action plans.

Members of the committee include: Laurie Waxler, Susan Larkin, Maria Ziolkowski, Julie Vicente, Lynette Waller, Corey Jones, Corbett Babb, Lindsay Rada, Andy Siggins, Mike Miller, Michelle Filippini, Shana Matz, Keith Arnold, Doug Shuey, Robin Kline, Stacey Hughes, Jill Werley, and Claire Langdon.

We will also create an Advisory Board of industry, business, and higher education staff which will lend their expertise to the Ad Hoc Committee. The administrative team will establish the membership, purpose, structure and frequency of meetings.

### **WREC Technology - Schoology Implementation**

Mr. Arnst shared that Schoology has been implemented at West Reading. Training was provided to faculty members on utilizing a digital workflow with students including electronically distributing resources, collecting student work, assessing assignments, and providing feedback to students.

### **JSHS Student Technical Support Center - Continued Enhancements**

Mr. Arnst shared enhancements to the JSHS 1:1 including updates to the Student Technical Support Center: continued collaboration with Mr. Redcay handling potentially abused devices, tech tips for students, and increased communication with faculty members.

## **New Business**

### **Special Education Math Programming (Saxon Math)**

Mrs. Lingle presented the data behind the recommendation for a Special Education Math program. Currently the district is using Connecting Math Concepts for many students requiring replacement instruction, however this program is not common core aligned. Teachers from across the district were a part of evaluating and selecting a new curriculum. Saxon Math was the chosen program, which is being piloted at WREC this year. With Saxon Math, the format of the instructional materials is differentiated for different learning needs. The lesson plans are formatted similarly to GoMath with a continual review (spiraling format). There is also an ESL component. Professional Development was provided to the committee last year. Training will be provided again if the program is adopted. The special education teachers will continue to utilize Connected Math Concepts for those students for whom this is most appropriate (mainly students with language delays). This is a budgeted expense; however, we are assessing students to determine the number of students who will need this program. Once that is completed, we will be able to determine the final cost. This information will be presented at the next curriculum/technology meeting.

**Field Trip Requests** - none

**Announcements** - none

**Next Meeting Date:** Monday, May 1, 2017

**Adjournment:** 12:24 pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent