



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Monday, October 30, 2017

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: **Laurie Waxler**

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

Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Laurie Waxler, Maria Ziolkowski, Jennafer Reilly, Rob Scoboria, Lynette Waller, Scott Arnst, Jessica Lengle

Committee Members Absent: Susan Larkin

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 Thursday, September 28, 2017.
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Minutes from the meeting on Thursday, September 28, 2017 were approved without modifications.

Public Comment: None

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Update

On October 16, Mrs. Waxler and Mrs. Waller had the opportunity to meet with a representative from the WYO STEM Parent group. They provided STEAM planning information for the parents' meeting on Oct. 19. On Thursday, November 2, the STEAM summary plan will be presented to a group teachers and administrators for discussion. Guidance counselors will be included in the discussion to provide input on pathways for graduation, college and career choices. After the presentation, the teachers will collaborate on the K-12 Instructional Framework which will be used to guide program development.

WHEC: The request to purchase teacher and student iPads will be shared during the Finance Committee meeting on Wednesday, November 1. On Friday, November 3, WHEC teachers will participate in professional development focusing on the effective use of technology to support instruction. Teachers will also be introduced to instructional technology resources currently available.

WREC: The WREC STEAM Design Center has been established. The committee reviewed the furniture and storage solution plan developed by Office Depot, in conjunction with WREC staff and administrators. The plan will be presented on November 1, during the Finance Committee meeting. On Friday, November 3, WREC teachers will participate in the next level of iPad professional development with the Apple Educators.

JSHS: An additional meeting with the computer science department was held on October 20, to discuss renovation plans for the STEAM Design Wing in the JSHS. Renovation options will be shared during the October 31, Facilities Committee meeting. The JSHS woodshop has been cleaned and prepared for instructional use as needed

Mrs. Waller shared the STEAM Frequently Asked Questions and STEAM Projected Timeline. These two documents will be communicated to staff, parents and community members on Wednesday, November 1, 2017.

New Business

339 Plan Presentation

Guidance Counselors presented information on the 339 Plan that is being developed for the District. The 339 Plan is the state mandated K-12 Comprehensive Counseling Plan. It addresses the social/emotional, career, and academic development for all students. The counselors provided an overview of district demographic information, data on the post-secondary plans for students and the retention rate, and the K-12 career domain program goals and plan. They also identified new initiatives, resulting from the 339 Plan.

JSHS Program of Studies

Dr. Jones reviewed the revisions to the JSHS Program of Studies for 2018-2019 school year with the committee. The revisions included all new courses and changes in course descriptions. The Program of Studies will be on the November 6, Board agenda for approval.

PSSA/Keystone Update

Mrs. Waller shared the PSSA/Keystone state assessment scores for the District. In English Language Arts, 75.6 % of the students met or exceeded proficiency. The state average was 61.2%. In Mathematics 55.3 % of the students met or exceeded proficiency. The state average was 42.6 %. In Science, 71.7 % of the students met or exceeded proficiency. The state average 63.7%. Mrs. Waller also shared that the Department of Education released changes to the state assessment test design.

New Website Design and Work Flow and Communication Plan

Mr. Arnst provided an update on the district communications systems. He shared a development mock-up of the district website and explained how the new site structure was migrating to four entities (District Office and each building). Mr. Arnst also provided an update on the School Messenger platform explaining the new capabilities for automatic attendance calls and lunch balance notification.

Co-Curricular

JSHS staff have proposed the addition of a STEAM club. This club will provide extended STEAM related experiences for students. 2017-2018 will be the pilot year for the club.

Homebound/Instruction in the Home

We have one student in need of home bound instruction. This will be an agenda item for the November 6, Board meeting. The teacher providing the instruction will be presented at personnel.

Transportation Requests

- a. District Band Festival, Easton, PA, January 3-6, 2018
- b. PMEA District 10 Chorus, TBD, January 25-27, 2018
- c. District 10 Orchestra, Fleetwood High School, February 8-10, 2018
- d. Region V Band, TBD, February 22-24, 2018

Announcements: None

Next Meeting Date: TBD

Adjournment: 12:33pm

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent