



Wyomissing Area School District

630 Evans Avenue, Wyomissing PA 19610

Curriculum/Technology Committee

Friday, January 6, 2017

Community Board Room

Committee Chair: Laurie Waxler

Committee Members: Susan Larkin and Maria Ziolkowski

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Laurie Waxler, Maria Ziolkowski, Susan Larkin, Jenny Reilly, Scott Painter, Lynette, Julie, Scott Arnst

Public Attendees: Curt Minich

Meeting called to order by Laurie Waxler at 11:09 am

Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve the Curriculum and Technology minutes for Monday, October 31, 2016
- Vote: Motion Carried
- Resolved: Curriculum minutes were approved without modifications. Technology minutes were approved with modifications (correction in an attendee name).

Welcome

Public Comment *[reserved for agenda items only]*

Approval of Minutes

Presentation: Invention Convention – Kristin Allen WREC

Old Business

STEAM Innovation Design Plan

Mrs. Waller described what is currently taking place to support the STEAM Innovation plan:

- Nate Miller has students participating in the Student Inventors' Competition. If successful, they will showcase their inventions at the Pete&C Conference in February.
- Stacey Hughes and Robin Kline have teams of students from WHEC and WREC participating in the BCCC STEM Design Challenge on March 22 at the Berks IU.

- WREC - Maker Space - under the direction of Stacey Hughes, used monies donated by WAEF from Giving Goes Glam to purchase materials for a Maker Space. Developed criteria for the materials to purchase with the goal of having resources that would be intuitive and easy to incorporate into lessons. Next steps will include professional development.
- WREC Technology Plan - Mr. Arnst, Mrs. Waller, Dr. Babb, and Mr. Matz continue to meet on a regular basis to discuss project planning and implementation. Teachers are participating in the Apple Teacher Certification program. Currently, 13 teachers have completed the program to be certified Apple Teachers. A site visit is scheduled for later this month for staff to visit the St. Thomas More school near Allentown. Teachers will also attend PETE&C in February. The professional development provided by Apple has been wildly successful and feedback has been very positive. Mr. Arnst shared an update on Phase Two – Mr. Boyer has been working with Tim McHugh from Apple on the lease options which were discussed in Finance early this week. We also continue to look at additional staff development opportunities and resources for faculty members as part of the package.
- One site visit to Wilson SD occurred in December. Additional visits are scheduled for Downingtown STEM Academy and the Upper Merion High School – January 10 and St. Thomas More School (an Apple Distinguished School) – on January 26.

Mackin Open Source Software (Status)

Mr. Arnst shared that the implementation project with existing on site directory services (accounts) and the Mackin services was complete. Mr. Ackerman was our lead partner and his efforts will enable JSHS students to have access to PA e-book consortium.

New Business

2017-2018 Calendar

Mrs. Waller presented the 2017 – 2018 draft calendar for the committee to review.

The calendar continues to incorporate Act 80 professional development time. At the request of principals and teachers, an additional half day release in the spring for parent/teacher conferences was added. The draft calendar will be shared and discussed with WAEA leadership during our bi-monthly Meet & Discuss, prior to board approval.

Cyber Charter Options

Mrs. Vicente shared the district and county-wide cost for Cyber and Charter schools. The administrative team will research additional Cyber Charter options and report their findings to the curriculum committee.

iOS User Group

Mr. Arnst shared that the BCIU Technology Director Advisory Group has established three sub groups including Learning Management Systems, Staffing, and Mobile Management Systems. The District hosted the first session in November and had 10 districts including Berks Catholic

attend. Mr. Matz was able to showcase and highlight the management system used at Wyomissing and coordinated a roundtable discussion.

Primeros Edge Point of Sale System

Mr. Arnst shared in addition to student migration, the adult accounts for Food Services have been ported into the new system. We also enabled web access for Primero Edge eliminating additional servers in each building. We've also started tested iPads for the terminals instead computer terminals.

Updated Transfinder

Update scheduled for next week which will continue to integrate our Student Information System and Transportation systems.

Backup Plan Review

Crash Plan completed an audit for Teachers and Staff members on backup status. Working on our communication plan so everyone understands messaging from the server and what the alerts mean

Technical Support

Mr. Arnst shared the interns are working closely with Mrs. Gockley and Mrs. Humes to develop new procedures for intake of students and device distribution. Interns are reviewing procedures for claims, working with underwriters, repair facility and shipping.

Naviance Update / Clearinghouse

Mrs. Vicente, Mrs. Gockley, and Mr. Arnst completed the integration of Naviance with for the National Clearing House data for the graduates from 2011-2016.

Homebound Instruction Requests

We have two students 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 Request

The committee received one field trip request from WREC for the 6th grade students to attend Camp Conrad Weiser on 5/24/14 – 5/26/17. The Camp Conrad Weiser Outdoor Education experience addresses academic standards and serves as the culminating 6th grade class event.

Re-purpose iPads for School Board

Mr. Arnst shared that the department will replace the nine year old dell machines with other hardware for the viewing of Board Agendas.

Announcements: None

Adjournment: 1:04 pm

Next Meeting Date: Monday, February 6, 2017

Respectfully submitted by Lynette Waller, Assistant Superintendent