

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

January 26, 2015
WARREN COUNTY CAREER CENTER

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chairperson
Mr. Michael Zamborik
Mr. Paul Mangione
Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Mary Anne Paris
Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mrs. Ruth Huck
Mr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Mr. Brian Collopy
Josh Cotton (WTO)

Mr. Gary Weber
Mrs. Ruth Nelson
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mr. Tom Knapp
Mr. John Anderson
Mr. William Clark
Mr. James Grosch
Mrs. Sue Turner
Mr. Matt Jones
Mrs. Melissa Mclean
Approx. 20 Members of the Public

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: None

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:24 PM

1.2 Public Comment:

Mr. Kurt Bowley (Sheffield resident):

Spoke to the committee about setting the calendar for the upcoming school year to include Veteran's Day and Martin Luther King Jr. Day as holidays. He expressed that these are national holidays and we are sending the wrong message to the children if we don't observe these as holidays. He gave two options/suggestions to give the Board regarding options and scenarios which would allow for those days off.

2. Old Business

2.1 21st Century Service Agreement

Discussion: The Keystone Research Corporation will provide the services of and external evaluator of the 21st Century After School program. We will receive funding from the 21st century Grant.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the service agreement with the Keystone Research Corporation.

2.2 SMILE Agreement

Discussion: The mission of the SMILE program is to increase the quality of children's lives by providing preventive and restorative dental services to children often left without dental care. This is a mobile program that has been very well received. Administration is requesting approved early so Nurses can begin to schedule for next year. Mrs. Nelson has asked the solicitor for an open-ended contract so it can be on going and addressed annually.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve agreement with Big Smiles Pennsylvania

2.3 Planned Instruction – Algebra II

Discussion: This is a new class written for the academic track students. This will be offered at all schools.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval as written.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the Algebra II planned instruction as presented.

2.4 Virtual Academy Planned Instruction

Discussion: Administration is requesting approval for five new virtual planned instructions.

1. Careers in Criminal Justice
2. Introduction to Social Media
3. Sociology I
4. Sociology II
5. Theater Film and Cinema

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for approval as written.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the five planned instructions as presented.

3. New Business

3.1 Special Ed Comprehensive Plan

Discussion: This plan is due to the state by May 1st. The planning committee has completed the plan. The plan needs to be posted for public review for at least 30 days prior to submission to the state.

Action: This will be forwarded to the Board for review at the March Board meeting for approval.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the plan at the March Board Meeting.

3.2 High School Reform; Comprehensive Plan: School Performance Profile-Dr. Clark, Gary Weber, Jen Dilks

Discussion: Breaking Ranks is the Field Guide for Transforming High Schools; this is the same organization that developed the Schools to Watch program at the middle school level. This will provide tools to go through the school assessment process. It provides continuous school improvement if followed correctly. It can be personalized to meet each student's needs. The approach to school reform can vary from school to school, but the cornerstone strategies must remain the same from school to school. The dates for Comprehensive Planning are June 30, 2015 for the Special Ed plan and the District Comprehensive plan due, November 30, 2015. This could coincide with the High School Reform plan. The two plans will line up. Breaking Ranks has 29 recommendations for implementations. This allows the buildings to remain individual but work on similar components and goals at the same time. The School Performance Profile is comprised of many data points. This data is for use by teachers and staff for performance development. Mr. Stewart asked if there is room for the board to give its input. Can we demand that kind of excellence? The board would like to have some say and input Mrs. Zariczny asked if STEM will be evaluated as part of this process Where are you going to put it? Mr. Weber stated that no matter what is done, it is going to be district wide.

Action: None

Motion: None

4. Informational Items

- 4.1 Mr. Zamborik spoke with Dr. Jaskolka about some important points. He provided a magazine with what employers are looking for from the students graduating and an article that will be distributed to the guidance counselors.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting – Monday, February 23, 2015
- 6.2 Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30PM.