

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

October 23, 2017

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair
Mr. Joseph Colosimo (via phone conference)
Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. Brian Collopy	Mr. James Case
Ms. Marcy Morgan (via phone)	Ms. Melissa McLean	Mr. Shannon Yeager
Ms. Amy Stewart	Ms. Louise Tharp	Ms. Mary Ann Mead
Mr. Jim Grosch	Mr. Brian Ferry, (Times Observer)	Ms. Amy Stimmell
Dr. Patricia Hawley	Mr. Brian Reynolds	Ms. Shelly Wagner
Ms. Ruth Huck	Mr. Kelly Martin	Mr. Glenn Smith
Mr. Eric Mineweaser	Ms. Ericka Alm	Mr. Jim Evers
Mr. Rick Gignac	Ms. Marcia Madigan	Member of the Public (21)
Mr. Sue Turner	Ms. Kim Yourchisin	
Mr. Mike Kiehl	Ms. Jennifer Hobbs	

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Werner, Chairman at 6:07 p.m.

1.2 Public Comment – None

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

- 3.1 **Airnet – Non-Disclosure Agreement/Microsoft Partner Services Agreement.** Brian Collopy said that the agreement will allow Microsoft to do work on our servers. We hope to get an idea how our existing infrastructure would compare to a cloud movement, if we were to go in that direction in a few years. Microsoft will give us some pricing and some comparisons. Technology will start laying groundwork to possibly off-load our back-ups to the Cloud

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Airnet – Non-Disclosure Agreement/Microsoft Partner Services Agreement, as presented.

- 3.2 **Blackboard Template.** The Blackboard Template is in conjunction with our current website upgrade that we are currently performing. The template is the one that has been approved, but the contact changed slightly.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Blackboard Template, as presented.

- 3.3 **2017-2018 Corry Area School District Agreement.** Dr. Hawley explained that Attorney Gornall is drafting the agreement. It will be similar in nature to the one presented at the last meeting between the Warren County School District and the Forest Area School District. Will allow us to provide services to students identified with disabilities and our full-time autistic program in Youngsville.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 Corry Area School District Agreement, as presented.

- 3.4 **2017-2018 IDEA Contract:** This is being presented so the Board knows it is forthcoming. Award letter was sent out by the IU, but not yet received by the District. The 2017-2018 IDEA Contract will provide the District with information on our IDEA funding which is based on our December 1st child count.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of Education approves the 2017-2018 IDEA Contract, as presented.

3.5 New Virtual Academy Planned Instruction 2017-2018. Three different semester courses to add: Introduction to Law, Criminal Investigation and US Law & Politics.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of Education approve the New Virtual Academy Planned Instruction 2017-2018, as presented.

3.6 Revised Virtual Academy Course Numbers: We had incorrect numbers for Art 7 and Fundamentals of Art Syllabus. Only the course number are being revised.

Discussion: There was no discussion

Action: Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on November 6, 2017.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approved the Revised Virtual Academy Course Numbers, as presented.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Secondary Class Size Update 2017-2018. Listing of core course and elective is on BoardDocs. Paul Mangione asked how this fits in with high school reform and will there be any changes? Eric Mineweaser explained that if all goes accordingly, and we go to a 7 period day, courses would be reduced, which may not be a bad thing because then our class size can get larger and teacher prep will go down. Paul said that so far we've learned that with the higher level classes, students like to see an alternating schedule. Eric said we are going to look at balancing those out.

4.2 Building Reports – Sheffield Area Elementary and Sheffield Area Middle/High School.
Eastern Attendance Area Principals
Kim Yourchisin – Principal of Grades 9-12

- Had a Board tour a couple of weeks ago and Kim added some handouts to the Board tour packet
- They have more students enrolled this year than last year
- SPP score is up this year

- Huge number of students utilizing the free & reduced lunch program
- Abraxas is planning to co-op for football
- Can offer a course for college credit
- Twenty-one students use food pantry to grocery shop every week
- Middle level student government is opening a clothing closet
- PBS featured two SAMHS staff in an “Our Town” presentation
- She is hoping that high school reform will help align middle level schedules with high school schedules
- Improvement plan for this year
- Review of testing scores and numbers
- Plan for this year – to prepare students for a career of their interest
- Provide students with a safe and secure learning environment

Sheffield Area Elementary School – Marcia Madigan (Grade K-5 & middle level)

- At the middle level they are working on discipline, motivation and bring-your-own device to school; trying to get students engaged in community programs
- Trying to motivate and include students in the school climate; hoping that it will help alleviate some of the discipline problems
- Goal for Title I – this year SAES (K-5) is Title I; services available for all students; several parents worked on a student compact for Title I
- School has fresh fruit and vegetable program on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students are introduced to a new fruit and vegetable; students get to try new things; program is free
- Trying to meet the needs of each child, based on data and teacher input; use tutors, Title I staff, Special Education staff
- Excellent teachers, tutors and aides
- One of Marcia’s goals this year is communication; teacher do newsletters weekly and they get sent home
- BMX bicycle assembly at SAES on October 24, 2017

5. Other

5.1 Building Buddies Program at WAEC – Megan Leach and students

Megan read comments from parents and students regarding the buddy program. The program was developed by Megan watching her own daughter develop a friendship with her students. She focused on 3rd and 4th grade. Megan hoped to get a small amount first, but several students were interested and there was an application process. The idea is to pair students from general education with students from special needs. Fifty students are now buddied with 3rd and 4th grades and also with additional programs throughout the school. Part of the application is a buddy behavior pledge. Students eat lunch and attend recess together; the expectation is one day per week, but students are coming more often. Megan would like to grow this program at semesters with grades K-2. A parent told her that she is changing lives with this program. Megan said she doesn’t think she is changing lives, but she is certain that the students are changing each other’s lives!

Jack Werner thanked the students for being with them tonight. Is there anything from your regular classroom that you miss that you're sorry you can't be in your other classroom for? All responses were no! Jack told them that we are proud of them and pleased that they are able to help out their friends and make a new buddy.

Amy Stewart asked what their favorite part of the buddy system is. Responses were:

- Just hanging out with my buddies.
- My favorite part is how much time I get to spend with kids that don't get to spend time with other kids.
- I like making new friends

Mike Zamborik gave information to Mr. Evers for the Career Center

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1 Next Meeting Date - Monday, November 20, 2017 following PACCA at Central Office.
- 6.2 Executive Session - None
- 6.3 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 6:42 PM.