

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 20, 2017

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Werner, Chair  
Mr. Joseph Colosimo  
Mr. Michael Zamborik

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ms. Donna Zariczny	Mr. Rick Gignac	Ms. Mary Ann Mead
Mr. Arthur Stewart	Mr. Matt Jones	Mr. Jeff Flickner
Mr. Paul Mangione	Mr. Mike Kiehl	Ms. Amy Stimmell
Ms. Marcy Morgan	Mr. Brian Collopy	Ms. Liz Kent
Mr. Thomas Knapp	Ms. Melissa McLean	Ms. Shelly Wagner
Ms. Ruth Huck	Ms. Louise Tharp	Ms. Amy Beers
Ms. Amy Stewart	Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO)	Mr. Glenn Smith
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht	Mr. Brian Reynolds	Mr. Jim Evers
Mr. Gary Weber	Mr. Kelly Martin	Ms. Misty Weber
Mr. Jim Grosch	Ms. Marcia Madigan	Commissioner Eggleston
Ms. Rhonda Decker	Ms. Jennifer Hobbs	
Dr. Patty Hawley	Mr. James Case	Member of Public Approx 5
Mr. Eric Mineweaser	Mr. Shannon Yeager	

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Werner, Chairman at 7:15 p.m.

- 1.2 Public Comment – Parents Heather Cathcart Norris, Jennifer Stover and Jewel Rozanski expressed their concerns regarding the District’s policy, which changes the starting date to enter kindergarten to July 1 at the age of five.

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 **Penn College NOW Memorandum of Understanding**

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 4, 2017.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Penn College NOW Memorandum of Understanding, as presented.

3.2 **Reading Foundations 6 Planned Instruction Revision.**

This was initially approved in September. The revision requests that a grade or mark be provided for the course.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 4, 2017.

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Reading Foundations 6 Planned Instruction Revision, as presented.

3.3 **Reading Foundations 7 Planned Instruction**

This was initially approved in September. The revision requests that a grade or mark be provided for the course.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 4, 2017.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the Reading Foundation 7 Planned Instruction, as presented.

3.4 **Reading Foundations 8 Planned Instruction**

This was initially approved in September. The revision requests that a grade or mark be provided for the course.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the Reading Foundation 8 Planned Instruction, as presented.

### 3.5 Social Skills I Planned Instruction Revision

**Discussion:** There was no discussion.

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017.

**Motion:** That the Board of Education approves the Social Skills I Planned Instruction Revision, as presented.

### 3.6 Social Skills II Planned Instruction Revision

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Social Skills II Planned Instruction Revision as presented.

### 3.7 GRANT: Rural Low Income Schools Grant

This is a Federal formula grant and funds Title I activities and parent involvement. Last year this grant was used to purchase education software. Amount of the award this year is almost \$76,000.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Rural Low Income Schools Grant, as presented.

### 3.8 GRANT: Supplemental Equipment Grant

This is a formula grant from PDE. WCCC is proposing using these funds to purchase a CNC Router and planer for use by the Building Construction Occupation program. Funding will not be available until approval of the grant.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Supplemental Equipment Grant, as presented.

### 3.9 GRANT: Northern Allegheny Outdoor Women's Association Grant

This is available to classrooms of up to \$250. There will be five awards available.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the Northern Allegheny Outdoor Women's Association Grant, as presented.

**3.10 GRANT: School-Based Behavioral Health Grant to Expand School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS)**

A grant to expand SWPBIS activities in a district and/or school(s). The amount is up to \$12,000. We are looking to expand SWPBIS into BWMS.

**Discussion:** There was no discussion

**Action:** Forward the motion to the Board Meeting on December 4, 2017

**Motion:** That the Board of School Directors approves the School-Based Behavioral Health Grant to Expand School Wide Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (SWPBIS), as presented.

**3.11 Other – None**

**4. Informational Items**

- 4.1** Commissioner Jeff Eggleston Marketing Presentation – Possible collaboration between the County and the School District. A copy of the proposal and a draft agreement was passed out to the Board. The County would like to work with the WCCC to build benches and other beautification projects in Warren County. Commissioner Eggleston & Kafferlin have had several conversations about how the County and the District can partner together. Typically municipalities engage to do work on roadways, bridges, etc. Act 13 funds are provided to local governments to use for open spaces and other projects. Funds come from un-conventional gas and oil drilling. It is not a huge sum or a lot of large projects. The WCCC could use these as “filler” projects and it would not interfere with Habitat for Humanity. The Career Center would design the project and the County would pay for it and coordinate installation. This is a two-prong proposal: (1) to work with the Building Construction Occupation program to do design and building; (2) to work with marketing classes to develop marketing projects for the County.

Amy: To proceed a recommendation would have to come from Mr. Evers & WCCC to Board. Mr. Eggleston said that timing is not important. It is about creating a que of interested parties in order to move forward with projects when possible. County is offering to fund projects that can be done at the convenience of the WCCC.

Joe Colosimo: He has experience working with the students of the WCCC. He's done a lot of work with WCCC student's on Rimrock trail. Materials were provided and the students produced an outstanding project.

Jim Evers: One of the things that he liked was that the pre-engineering students could create the entire design process from start to finish. Then, if the BCO students had availability to work on the projects, it would be available to them.

Paul Mangione: This is a first step. He feels that anything we can do with the county to collaborate is helpful. Funding is always going to be an issue. This is a positive step to breaking the ice.

John Werner: What is the next step? Where do we go from here?

Amy: The Commissioners should take the project to Mr. Evers and he can decide whether it is doable, then bring to the WCSD with an agreement in hand on which the Board could vote.

Eggleston: The recommendation would be to read through this proposal and consider it a serious offering. Looking to have the WCCC design the project in order to move forward. A big part of the projects is the pre-engineering element.

Arthur: Asked if Mr. Eggleston could develop an open-ended agreement with attachments. The Board can authorize the Administration to approve projects. Jeff and Amy will coordinate an open-ended agreement with solicitor approval

- 4.2 Blackboard Web Site Upgrade – Gary Weber informed the Board that we are in the process of upgrading our School District website. Changes coming about in the next month or so.

Paul Mangione: He would like to see standard information on each school page with uniformity and consistency across the District.

Gary: Looking at pairing the website back with concrete information and consistent from school to school. He would like to use the website to direct people to the right place with consistency, but allow people to communicate effectively.

- 4.3 Update on Kindergarten Registration for 2018-2019 School Year  
Rhonda Decker reported that the dates for Kindergarten Registration will be from January 29 to February 2, 2018. We will continue to offer kindergarten registration in the buildings. Last year the advertising was very effective. The number of students didn't really change between registration and the start of school. We are looking at some evening hours to do registration, as all parents cannot get off work during the day to register their children. We are on target and are utilizing things that were found successful last year.
- 4.4 High School Reform – Gary Weber and Eric Mineweaser  
Eric: Met with a group of educators, administrators and Board members. It was the sixth formal meeting. We are getting to the part of High School Reform where it will start to make an impact. Looking at adding minutes to the periods of instruction. The team is getting excited about what they want to offer. They are starting to call this Educational

Reform because it is starting to affect all grades from high school, middle school and elementary.

Gary: We're trying to build in a lot of different opportunities for kids by listening to teachers in regards to the courses that teachers want to bring back. Looking at providing content area course (electives) that can be provided for students.

Amy: Commented that adding a choice to the middle-level is interesting. Right now, we tell students where they need to be. All teachers want more time with the students. We're purposefully trying to spread it out so more students have more opportunities. Eric will start working with all the special teachers to re-design their planned instructions. It won't be the same course that is being offered now.

Eric: Courses, right now, are nine weeks and we're expanding to a semester. Students will still have opportunities, but they will just have longer time in class.

Gary: We were deliberate about looking at planned instruction and combining courses to make them semester courses again.

Eric: High School graduation requirements will change. Core courses will stay the same, but there will be some changes in electives with more opportunities. State mandates will be followed.

Amy: There is a strong desire by high school principals to make the core the same for all students.

Gary: The only other proposal/option would be to condense the time at the Career Center, which is not something they want to do. The students are vested in what they are doing at the WCCC.

Marcy: Is going from three to four minutes in between classes really a good idea?

Eric: The proposed schedule will allow for more quality instructional time in classes. Teachers can build on skills and provide more time for homework.

Amy: We need to work really hard on STEAM & STEM and Advisory. Getting students to music opportunities is difficult. We'll need to let teacher and administration tell us what we need. Each level has different levels and needs.

Eric: We're going to start bringing in curriculum coordinators. Policy will be coming to the Board.

Amy: We wanted to get this cleared with no significant objections. We'll apply policies and have drafts available for the December 4<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. There were new members at the last high school reform meeting.

Gary: Graduation policy will have to be phased in over time. Middle school showed us that the replication in time is really helpful.

Amy: The reality is that students will spend more time in core courses.

5. Other

5.1 Mike Zamborik gave information to Amy for the Career Center.

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting Date – TBA at December 4<sup>th</sup> organizational meeting

6.2 Executive Session - None

6.3 Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 8:57 PM.