

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

April 29, 2019

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Paul Mangione, Committee Chair Pro Tem
Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Serving as Committee Member Pro Tem
Mr. Jeff Labesky, Serving as Committee Member Pro Tem

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo
Mrs. Mary Passinger
Mr. Michael Zamborik

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mr. Arthur Stewart via phone
Mrs. Ruth Huck
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Mr. Gary Weber
Mr. Jim Grosch (arrived 7:04 pm)
Mr. Eric Mineweaser
Dr. Patty Hawley
Ms. Lynn Shultz
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Mr. Shane Flannery
Ms. Melissa McLean
Ms. Louis Tharp
Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO)

Mr. Brian Reynolds
Ms. Ericka Alm
Mr. Paul Crider
Ms. Marcia Madigan
Mr. Glenn Smith
Mr. Shannon Yeager
Ms. Shelly Wagner
Mr. Jeff Flickner
Ms. Amy Stimmell
Mr. Joshua Vincent
Ms. Liz Kent
Mr. James Case
Ms. Amy Beers
Mr. Jim Evers
Ms. Misty Weber
Ms. Melissa Kingen – Regional Manager Nutrition, Inc
Approx. # of Public Present – 18

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chair Pro Tem, Mr. Paul Mangione, called the meeting to order at 6:42 PM

1.2 Public Comment

Rebecca Dippold commented on drug testing for the teachers. Drug addiction is a disease and drug testing should not be punitive for the teachers. Abuse occurs in legal substances as well. The newspaper sensationalized the abuse of drugs. She hoped that the school district would have talked to the kids more about the incident and feels that a good teaching moment was lost. Our area is not free from drug use. Titusville is the “Meth Capital” of PA and the opioid epidemic is growing. Instead of punishing people, the district should look at drug abuse, as a disease so that more people that struggle with substance abuse would be more willing to come forward to get help.

1.3 Presentation

Eisenhower Elementary Teachers – Writing Cohort Program Presentation

Mr. Eric Mineweaser introduced Mr. Brian Reynolds, principal of Eisenhower Elementary School, along with the Eisenhower teachers. Mr. Mineweaser saw their presentation at the IU and asked them to present it to the Board. Eisenhower applied to participate in a writing cohort and received a \$10,000 grant that provided all of the training. They have incorporated writing into every subject. Students who need the most intense help are in Tier III and are getting help every day. Tier II are students at risk, and they do student conferencing every day. Students have drastically improved on their writing skills, which has also carried over to their reading and spelling abilities. Students have also begun identifying their own deficiencies. The teachers are excited to see how much students have grown. Special Education is also working on this curriculum and has shown significant improvement. One of the first lessons they learned in the program was “reading is writing and writing is reading”. Teaching writing is helping the students learn reading. Students are excited about the program.

Mrs. Donna Zariczny asked how we roll this out district-wide. Mrs. Ericka Alm is having discussions with the IU regarding how to start working with the middle school and high school students. In doing so, Mrs. Alm has applied for a Word Generations grant to build on what the elementary level has started. She would like to have a team of middle school teachers look at the process, apply vocabulary and push it across the curriculum incorporated in each class. The teachers are hoping to have some inservice opportunities at the beginning of the year to share what they are doing.

Mrs. Amy Stewart is impressed with the retention from the previous year (from 4th to 5th grade). This program is going to build writers. Mr. Brian Reynolds stated that the kids are very excited and passionate about this program. A teacher stated that the big thing to get kids started is to journal; write for three minutes and then share. Students are self-correcting and other students are responding with appropriate learning opportunities.

Mr. Jeff Labesky asked if it would be beneficial to have more MTSS time throughout the day to incorporate the writing and reading together. The teacher response was that you get a lot more done because you are intertwining the reading and the writing together.

Mrs. Donna Zariczny asked if we wanted to roll this out District-wide, would it be feasible to bring in an outside person. Mr. Brian Reynolds stated that through the IU, William VanCleave would be beneficial speaker.

2. Old Business – None

3. New Business

3.1 2019-2020 Language Instructional Education Program Services IU5 Contract

The IU would be providing ESL to students in need.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **2019-2020 Language Instructional Education Program Services IU5 Contract**, as presented.

3.2 2019-2020 Bollinger Enterprises, Inc Agreement

One-year agreement with BEI.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approve the **2019-2020 Bollinger Enterprises, Inc Agreement**, as presented.

3.3 2019-2020 LearnWell Agreement

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Other.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves **2019-2020 LearnWell Agreement**, as presented.

3.4 Addendum to School Resource Officer Agreement

This agreement is written differently than most of the agreements that we do. Mrs. Amy Stewart stated that she has not had one negative conversation with the principals regarding the School Resource Officer. The SRO's know the students and interact with them. The students are seeking out their services. This agreement is a result of a request from the city for a longer-term contract of three to five years. The city has approved a three-year agreement on their end. This is conditional on PCCD grant funding.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Other.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Addendum to School Resource Officer Agreement**, as presented.

3.5 MTSS – Middle School Literacy

Cohort for middle school staff.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **MTSS – Middle School Literacy**, as presented.

3.6 My Math Purchase – Quote and Sole Source Letter

Using Title funds for 4th and 5th grades next year.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **My Math Purchase – Quote and Sole Source Letter**, as presented.

3.7 Dry Erase Tables Buy Board Quote From Worthington Direct

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Dry Erase Tables Buy Board Quote From Worthington Direct**, as presented.

3.8 Dell All-in-One Computer Purchase

Computers for the four STEM labs approved at the last meeting.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Dell All-in-One Computer Purchase**, as presented.

3.9 GRANT: Kids Heart Challenge Grant 2019-20

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **GRANT: Kids Heart Challenge Grant 2019-20**, as presented.

3.10 GRANT: Innovative Classroom Grant (WAEC)

This is a corporate funded grant sponsored by an employee of the company.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **GRANT: Innovative Classroom Grant (WAEC)**, as presented.

3.11 GRANT: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) Experience Grant 2019-20

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves **GRANT: Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC) Experience Grant 2019-20**, as presented.

3.12 GRANT: MTSS – Enhancing Secondary Outcomes

This is an extension of the MTSS writing program for Warren Area High School to increase graduation rates and reduce dropouts.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on May 13, 2019 under Consent.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **GRANT: MTSS – Enhancing Secondary Outcomes**, as presented.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Other - None

5. Other

Information: 5.1 - None

6. Closing Activities

Procedural: 6.1 Next Meeting Date – Tuesday, May 28, 2019, 6:00 PM.

Procedural: 6.2 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.