

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

December 16, 2019

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Committee Chairperson
Mrs. Mary Passinger, Committee Member
Mr. Jeffrey Labesky, Serving as Committee Member Pro Tem

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Kevin Lindvay
Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mr. Paul Mangione
Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Mrs. Ruth Huck
Mr. Gary Weber
Mr. Eric Mineweaser
Mr. Jim Grosch
Dr. Patty Hawley
Ms. Lynn Shultz
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Matt Jones
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Ms. Sue Turner

Mr. James Hazelett
Mr. Philip Heubach
Ms. Ericka Alm
Mr. Paul Crider
Ms. Marcia Madigan
Ms. Jennifer Hobbs
Mr. Jeff Flickner
Ms. Amy Stimmell
Mr. James Case
Ms. Amy Beers
Mr. Jim Evers
Ms. Lisa Smith
Ms. Betsy Sobkowski
Mr. Brian Ferry (WTO)

Approx. # of Public Present – 4

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.
Mr. Joseph Colosimo announced Mr. Jeff Labesky would fill in for the absent committee member.

1.2 Public Comment

Rob Cook, Sheffield, PA, addressed the Board regarding the Kindergarten age cut-off date. He has attended board meetings for a year. He wondered why there are no exceptions to the policy and why the July 1st date. He is disappointed no change has taken place and if parents feel their children are ready, why not make exceptions. He would like the Board to reconsider the policy.

A couple of Board Members briefly stated any date picked is not going to satisfy everyone.

2. Old Business – None

2.1 Other

3. New Business

3.1 Read to Them – Title I Parent & Family Engagement K-5 Quote & Sole Source Letter

This is for Grade K-5 One District, One Book.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting on December 16, 2019.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Read to Them – Title I Parent & Family Engagement K-5 Quote & Sole Source Letter**, as presented.

3.2 Computer Science Discoveries Planned Instruction

This is the former Computer 6 course.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on January 13, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Computer Science Discoveries Planned Instruction**, as presented.

3.3 STEM SmartLab Learning Environment Proposal for the Warren County Career Center

Discussion: There was discussion if this was the only location a STEM Lab would be located and if there should be further discussion with respect to the Master Facilities Plan and what the Board should envision for the future. Administration wants to provide as many options as possible for students as they begin to choose a career pathway. Part of the mission is to provide 8th graders with option at WCCC when they visit and see what they would like to pursue. There would be three levels where (1) they explore all eight-skill areas; (2) in 9th grade the second level student could hone in on three or four skill areas; (3) problem based classroom experience for 1, 2, or 3 periods to solve problems and going deeper into a skill area. Offering students' career pathways will give the students a

diploma and an opportunity to attend a technical school. This is creating one of our first district-wide programs that is not part of the Career Center.

There was a concern mentioned as to how transportation and equitable opportunity for all students would work for the outlying areas of the District. Not all students at the high school level will be interested in STEM, but there is a concern that the class will not be available to all high school students. Administration sees the program running just like our Career Center.

Board members asked Administration to provide further information to the Board such as a bus schedule, options for Wi-Fi on buses, other expenditures, as well as materials that would explain the program to students.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on January 13, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **STEM SmartLab Learning Environment Proposal for the Warren County Career Center**, as presented.

3.4 Art Planned Instruction

This is for the 20-21 school year.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on January 13, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Art Planned Instruction**, as presented.

3.5 Comprehensive Planning Committee

This is phase one. The plan is due March 30, 2020.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Special Board meeting agenda on December 16, 2019.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **Comprehensive Planning Committee**, as presented.

3.6 GRANT: REC Foundation Grant for Vex Robotics Competition Programs

This will provide funding for our high school Vex Robotics Competitions.

Discussion: There was no discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on January 13, 2010.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the **GRANT: REC Foundation Grant for Vex Robotics Competition Programs**, as presented.

4. Informational Items

4.1 Kindergarten Registration

Will take place the last week of January. Parents will receive informational letters by mail this week.

4.2 Update on Citizenship Portfolio Progress

Lori Hahn gave a report.

4.3 Special Education Changes and Updates

Dr. Hawley gave a report on Special Education programming.

5. Other

5.1 Other

6. Closing Activities

6.1 Next Meeting – January 27, 2020 – 6:00 p.m.

6.2 Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.