

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

November 23, 2020

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. Joseph Colosimo, Committee Chairperson
Mrs. Mary Passinger, Committee Member
Mrs. Elizabeth Huffman, Committee Member

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT:

All Present

OTHERS PRESENT:

Mr. Jeffrey Labesky
Mr. Kevin Lindvay
Mr. Paul Mangione
Mrs. Marcy Morgan
Mr. Arthur Stewart
Mrs. Donna Zariczny
Mrs. Amy Stewart
Dr. Norbert Kennerknecht
Mr. Gary Weber

Mr. Jim Grosch
Dr. Patty Hawley
Mrs. Lynn Shultz
Mr. Eric Mineweaser
Mrs. Ruth Huck
Mr. Rick Gignac
Mr. Mike Kiehl
Ms. Jessica Fortner
Mr. Glenn Smith
Approx. # of Public Present - 2

1. Opening Activities

1.1 Call to Order

Committee Chairperson, Mr. Joseph Colosimo, called the meeting to order at 6:27 PM

1.2 Public Comment – None

2. Old Business

2.1 Other – None

3. New Business

3.1 PowerSchool License and Subscription Renewal Revised – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

This is the annual renewal for our student information system. The revision removes the Spanish language module and adds training time.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the PowerSchool License and Subscription Renewal Revision, as presented.

3.2 Social Studies Planned Instruction Revisions – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

A middle level credit was added to the planned instructions. This credit will not show in high school transcripts.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Social Studies Planned Instruction Revisions, as presented.

3.3 Language Arts Planned Instruction Revisions – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

A middle level credit was added to the planned instructions. This credit will not show in high school transcripts.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the Language Arts Planned Instruction Revisions, as presented.

3.4 Science 6 Planned Instruction Revision – CIT – Mr. Joseph Colosimo

The course description within the planned instruction was revised to match what the course description booklet states.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

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

3.5 2020-2021 IDEA – Part B Contract

This agreement is for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 by Northwest Tri-County IU5 and the Warren County School District.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2020-2021 IDEA – Part B Contract for \$1,062,973.04, as presented.

3.6 2020-2021 Section 619 K-5 Pass Through Agreement

This agreement provides \$14,654 to support five year olds in Kindergarten programs with special needs or that remained in Early Intervention. Allowable expenditures are limited to salaries, benefits, and related services.

Discussion: No discussion.

Action: Forward the motion to the Board meeting on December 7, 2020.

Motion: That the Board of School Directors approves the 2020-2021 Section 619 K-5 Pass Through Agreement, as presented.

4. Informational Items

- 4.1 Other** – Mr. Eric Mineweaser updated the Board concerning K-5 English Language Arts, which are up for planned instruction revision curriculum rewriting. Teachers are looking to extend their online licensing with McGraw Hill for one year so they can focus on K-5 social studies. They are currently reviewing new textbooks and online resources, revising planned instructions, and looking at curriculum maps.

We are still working with our citizenship portfolios. Each student had a portfolio within Microsoft Office, but the social studies department heads are trying to mirror it to make it look like our College and Career Readiness course with Virtual Academy.

We are gearing up for our first Citizenship Assessment that takes place in Grades 8, 9, and 12, but our seniors who are taking American Government will be taking the exam at the end of the first semester in January.

Act 7 is a requirement of the hands on only portion for CPR. It is not mandated, but they would like us to make sure that students have hands on only exposure. Health 9 is the course where students receive instruction in CPR.. In addition, we have physical education teachers going around to advisory classes to work with our seniors on Act 7.

STEM 9 teachers have been flying drones and doing different things with video production.

Robotics is taking place at the middle level Project Lead the Way. We are also having some varsity clubs during advisory at Warren and Eisenhower High Schools and both have teams preparing for competition. Unfortunately, we may not be able to compete this year, but we have been in constant communication with the Pennsylvania Rural Robotics and Intermediate Unit 5. We are looking to compete down the road, even if it is virtual this year.

We are looking at our STEM Academy curriculum, as completion of the building nears. STEM graphics are being installed this week. We will have pictures to present soon so the Board can see the completed STEM Academy area.

5. Other

- 5.1 Other** – Mr. Joseph Colosimo asked Mr. Mineweaser if he had been in contact with our representative from PA Wilds. Mr. Mineweaser did have contact and he and the representative will be working together to set up various trips after the pandemic. To update Board members, Mr. Mineweaser explained that essentially, we are getting funding to assist with transportation and other possible costs to expose some of our students to various local historical places such as the Kinzua Dam, Kinzua Bridge, and the Robert H. Jackson center. Prior to applying for the grant, Mr. Mineweaser will meet with the team to discuss school and curricular needs. One of the goals is to have curriculum written for the students so they have mini lessons prior to visiting the historical sites.
- 5.2** Mr. Arthur Stewart stated that former Board Member, Mr. John Anderson is running an Industrial Safety Academy at the old Regal Lumber Facility near the refinery. He is qualified to do OSHA training and certification under OSHA. One of the certifications has to do with welding. The certification our Warren County Career students receive is online, whereas the certification through Mr. Anderson is hands on. The cost is \$99 per student. Mr. Anderson and his staff would be willing to go to the Career Center so students would not have to leave the building. If administration is interested the next step would be for the superintendent to designate a person to look into this further with Mr. Anderson. Mr. Gary Weber will follow up with Mr. Anderson.

6. Closing Activities

- 6.1** Next Meeting – Monday, TBD after the restructuring meeting in December
- 6.2** Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 6:39 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Edie Gardner, Secretary to Director
Curriculum, Instruction, and Technology Committee