

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, August 20, 2019
Administration Building Board Room

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri and Ms. Barbara Harvey

Board: Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mr. Matthew DeNucci and Dr. Tina Kane

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Dorie Pitone, Mr. Christopher Lee, Mr. Christopher Oakes, Mr. Matthew Oberecker and Mr. Matthew Flood

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Altieri led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The June 2019 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Title III Updates – Dr. Dorie Pitone and Ms. Linda Long

Dr. Pitone introduced Ms. Linda Long, our contact partner with DCIU for Title III, who reported on ESSA, Equity and the English Learner Program. The district's upcoming goals in Title III include promoting equity for the disadvantaged English Learner student, requiring English Learning students to meet rigorous standards required of all students and implementing a strong accountability system. DCIU will be working along with our Teaching and Learning Team in this shift to implement an asset-based program, leveraging all opportunities to improve learning, including a culturally responsible approach and effective implementation of ELD instruction. The Teaching and Learning Team is committed to this proactive team approach to provide the highest level of support for our students.

B. Induction: A Two Year Program – Mr. Matthew Flood

Mr. Matthew Flood reported on the new two-year induction program. He reported that Marple Newtown School District welcomed nineteen new staff members yesterday to the district. The current format will stay in place to include a four-day orientation for all new staff members, including new teachers who have completed the induction process. The

two-year program would include meeting with building administrators, mentors and the Teaching and Learning Team during year one to discuss classroom instruction, student performance, building policies and observation of mentors. The addition of year two would include developing three walk through sessions with a member of the Teaching and Learning team, along with a building administrator to observe the teacher and the opportunity to provide feedback. The Teaching and Learning Team felt that the additional year would provide a level of support in the classroom and would enhance our investment for employment and tenure for the individual teacher.

C. LinkIt – Mr. Christopher Lee

Mr. Lee presented on LinkIt, an assessment software, used to collect and analyze student data. He is proposing a trial use of this software as we have the unique opportunity to a no obligation trial to use at full capacity, as well as a demonstration before we would commit to the program. A parent questioned if the software is cloud-based and if the district is able to retain data after the trial. Mr. Lee will look into this question and follow-up. Mr. Bilker said he was excited to have multiple years of data to show student-specific trends over the years.

D. Coding/Computer Science – Mr. Matthew Oberecker

Mr. Matthew Oberecker gave an update on the K-12 Coding and Computer Science program offerings. The students of the district would greatly benefit with exposure inherent in computer coding skills. Our goal as a district is to prepare students to collaborate, be creative and use critical thinking skills to develop resiliency. Mr. Oberecker worked with Librarians over the summer to develop curriculum. Elementary schools will focus on skills through Code.Org, writing computer codes and processes. Middle school has revamped their business courses to infuse more google-applied digital skills through curriculum with Zulama. The high school level will focus on computer science courses which tie in with our Career Pathways curriculum. Coding and computer science bring an element of excitement to the classroom.

E. Security System Server and Storage Equipment – Mr. Christopher Lee

Mr. Lee reported on the Security System service and storage equipment currently in place. The hardware server is at capacity for recording purposes. He is presenting a proposal to include leasing a server, a DVR upgrade, which would compress the files. This will be presented at the full Board Meeting.

F. Summer Workshop Updates – Dr. Constance Bompadre and Dr. Dorie Pitone

Dr. Bompadre reported and commended the Teaching and Learning team on their efforts with summer curriculum workshops. The Curriculum Department held 70 workshops, offering professional development, as well as audits over the summer months. The overall response from teachers was positive and successful. Dr. Kane congratulated the team. She had the opportunity to meet with teachers over the summer during workshops, and the overall response were that the workshops were powerful and successful.

VI. Motions

Motions were approved and will be moved along to the full Board.

August 2019 CIT Motions

Administrative Trips:

- A. Motion to approve Mrs. Anne Lanshe, teacher, to attend the Advanced Placement Coordinator Workshop in Lancaster-Lebanon Intermediate Unit in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on September 6, 2019. There is no cost for the workshop. The cost of transportation is \$61.48. The total cost to the district is \$61.48.**
- B. Motion to approve Mr. Barry Williams, Director of Safety, to attend the 2019 Safe Schools Conference in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on October 2-3, 2019. The cost of the conference is \$325.00. The cost of transportation is \$120.00. The cost of lodging is \$141.00 plus taxes, parking fees and meals. The approximate cost to the district is \$586.00.**

Student Trips:

- C. Motion to approve Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor, Mr. Michael Winterbottom, teacher, and Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany the High School LINK members to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, Pennsylvania on October 12-14, 2019 for peer leadership. The cost of transportation is \$25 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity including lodging is \$175.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**
- D. Motion to approve Mrs. Jen Cipollone, counselor, Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, and Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor, to accompany the High School Renaissance members to travel to Morey's Pier in Wildwood, New Jersey on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 for a Renaissance Recognition Event. The cost of transportation is \$30 per student paid by the students and PTO. The cost of the activity is \$30 per student paid by the students and PTO. There is no cost to the district.**

Athletic Trips:

- E. Motion to approve Ms. Kimberly Foster, coach, to accompany the High School Cheerleading team to travel to Kutztown University in Kutztown, Pennsylvania on November 23, 2019 for the UCA Regional Competition. The cost of transportation is \$400.00. The cost of the activity entry fee is \$492.00. The total cost to the district is \$892.00.**
- F. Motion to approve Mr. Arty Erle, coach, to accompany the High School Wrestling team to travel to Collingswood High School in Collingswood, New Jersey on December 28, 2019 for a Wrestling Tournament. The cost of transportation is \$473.30. The cost of the activity entry fee is \$400.00. The total cost to the district is \$873.30.**

- G. Motion to approve Arty Erle, coach, to accompany the High School Wrestling team to travel to Bohemia Manor High School in Chesapeake, City, Maryland on January 10-11, 2020 for the Bohemia Manor Wrestling Invitational. The cost of transportation is \$1100.00. The cost of lodging is \$80.00 per student paid by the boosters. The cost of the activity entry fee is \$350.00. The total cost to the district is \$1450.00.**

Technology:

- H. Motion to approve the lease of server and storage equipment for the Security Camera System at a cost of \$17,403.97 a year for a term of five years with HP Financial Services.**

Donation:

- I. Motion to approve the donation of 100 Eagles tickets to the pre-season game on August 22, 2019 to the Marple Newtown High School football program from Mr. Norm Vosschulte. Each ticket is worth \$25.00. The total value of the tickets is \$2500.00.**
- J. To approve a donation from the Loomis PTO for supplies for a Maker Space Cart totaling \$2,235.11.**

Public Comment

A parent reported that their family received twelve phone calls reminding them to complete and turn in emergency cards. He has children in an elementary school, the middle school and the high school. He inquired if the number of calls can be limited to one per school. Mr. Lee will look into this situation and follow-up.

A parent questioned the Infinite Campus Application and the reasoning for a Child Application versus a Parent Application. The parent also reported that Infinite Campus was difficult to navigate. Mr. Lee said a separate parent application was added as parents have some additional rights that do not apply to students. Mr. Bilker questioned the contract time on Infinite Campus. Mr. Lee reported that Infinite Campus is on a year-to-year contract, effective July 1, 2019.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary