

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, March 19, 2019

Administration Building Board Room

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. Matthew Bilker

Board: Ms. Kathryn Chandless

Administration: Mr. Joseph Driscoll, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Barry Williams, Dr. Dorie Pitone, Mr. Matthew Flood, Mr. Chris Lee

I. Call to Order

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The February 2019 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. The Course: America and Its Courts and The Mock Trial – Dr. Michael Karpyn and Students

Dr. Karpyn and five of his students presented on the new elective course, America and Its Courts. Dr. Karpyn is the Faculty Advisor for the Mock Trial Team at the high school and reported that this class has been insightful in preparing students for mock trials. This course presents important life-long roles in understanding civic engagement in court procedures, preparation and presentation skills and team work. The Mock Trial Team has also had the privilege to work with two members of the Marple Newtown School Board, Mr. Matthew Bilker and Mr. Matthew DeNucci, both attorneys who advise the team and help prepare them to present their case in court. Five members of the Mock Trial Team spoke on their experience with the team and the tremendous opportunity to participate in mock court trials. They are gaining confidence, developing public speaking skills and using the foundations to build upon opportunities in this career path.

B. Safe 2 Say Program – Mr. Barry Williams

Mr. Williams presented on the Safe 2 Say Program. This program was developed in 2012 after the school shooting in Sandy Hook. The program launched on January 14, 2019, and Pennsylvania was one of the first states to implement the law. This program empowers our students to reach out to report on life safety situations or general safety concerns. He reported that all high school and middle school students and staff have been trained through assemblies. There is a core team composed of administrators, principals and guidance counselors who are available to handle these calls. The events are recorded and tracked. Mr. Altieri inquired on upcoming reports, and Mr. Williams advised that he will be providing quarterly reports to the school board. Mr. Driscoll thanked the Board Members for supporting a Director to School Safety position as it has proven to be a priceless asset to our school district.

Mr. Williams also reported on the Crisis Go System. This is a comprehensive safety platform connecting schools and technology to ensure everyone has what they need to feel safe in the school environment. Mr. Williams, Mr. Driscoll and Dr. Bompadre participated in a telephone conference with this company. It would allow immediate notification in the event of a crisis and provide benefits such as reunification inventory of students in case of a lock down. Pricing will include working with the District Attorney's Office as a portion of this project would be covered for the first year of implementation. Mr. Altieri has asked that this be added to the agenda for next week's Board Meeting. In addition, he added that the Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 3/26/2019 has been rescheduled to Thursday, 3/28/2019. (Mr. Driscoll reported that the reason for the change in date is three of the four contractors pulled out of the bidding process for Loomis school renovations. The architect advised to allow for two additional weeks for bids and a 48 hour withdrawal deadline.)

C. Computer Lease for 2019-2020 School Year – Mr. Chris Lee

Mr. Lee reported that in addition to one phase of replacing computers at the high school, Culbertson and Loomis will be increasing inventory according to the 2015 plan. There is a global chip shortage causing a sixteen-week delay time in delivery of computers. He is bringing this to the Board for approval at this time, so that the computers can be delivered by June or July. This will give the department time to have the computers ready for staff at the start of 2019-2020 school year.

VI. Motions:

Ms. Chandless questioned the motion for PLTW (Project Lead the Way) training. Dr. Bompadre reported that in order for teachers to teach PLTW courses, they must attend required training through PLTW. Dr. Bompadre said she will forward to the Board further details on PLTW and the grant. All motions will move along to the full Board.

March 2019 CIT Motions

Administrative Trips:

- A. Motion to approve Mrs. Michele Lunn, teacher, Mrs. Holly Dunleavy, teacher, Ms. Liza Atillasoy, teacher, Ms. Jocelyn Smith, teacher and Mrs. Mary Ross, assistant, to attend the PEEC Training in Dingman's Ferry, Pennsylvania on April 23, 2019. There is no cost to the district.**

- B. Motion to approve Dr. Tina Kane, Principal, to attend the Women's Caucus in Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 13-14, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$35.96. The cost of the conference is \$289.00. The cost of lodging is \$249.75. The total cost to the district is \$574.71.**

- C. Motion to approve Dr. Constance Bompadre, Assistant Superintendent, to attend the Women's Caucus, Grit, Growth, Gains: Leading for Student Achievement in Hershey, Pennsylvania on May 13-15, 2019. The cost of the conference is \$339.00. The cost of lodging is \$499.50. The total cost to the district is \$838.50.**

- D. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Paci, teacher, to attend the Project Lead the Way Human Body Systems Core Training workshop at Stevenson University in Owings Mills, Maryland on July 8-19, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$127.60. The cost of the workshop is \$2,400.00. The cost of lodging is \$1,695.00. The total cost to the district is \$4,222.60.**

Student Trips:

- E. Motion to approve Mr. Christopher Vogel, teacher, to accompany the High School Choir to travel to the Music Box Theatre in New York on May 1, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$36.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$185.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

- F. Motion to approve Mrs. Jennifer Finley, teacher, to accompany the High School students studying Wildlife Conservation to travel to the Camden Aquarium in Camden, New Jersey on May 10, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$11.50 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$13.50 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.
- G. Motion to approve Mrs. Linda Wigo, counselor, to accompany the Paxon Hollow Middle School Renaissance members to travel to the Wilmington Blue Rocks baseball game in Wilmington, Delaware on May 15, 2019. The cost of transportation is \$5.00 per student paid by the students. The cost of the activity is \$20.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.

Technology:

- H. Motion to approve the lease of computers for Culbertson Elementary, Loomis Elementary and the Marple Newtown High School from Hewlett Packard Financial in the amount of \$158,976.20 per year for a term of 5 years.

Donations or Disposal:

- I. Motion to approve the disposal or donation of the NuArc plate maker, Model #FT26VV3UPNS-2KN - MN Inventory #00063

This NuArc plate maker is an exposure unit used for offset printing presses. Marple Newtown School District no longer teaches offset printing, or uses offset presses anywhere in the district. This is obsolete technology and is not present in our curriculum. This unit runs on 220v power. There are no 220v outlets in the graphics lab, so it cannot be tested. Age of the unit is estimated to be between 30-40 years old. This unit has been previously utilized for exposing plates, which would be used in offset printing lessons. Offset presses are similar to mimeograph or ditto machines. The presses in this building were disposed of long ago. This plate maker has not been replaced by a newer version as it is obsolete technology.

- J. **To approve Mr. Christopher Vogel, teacher, to travel to the Pittsburgh Convention Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the All-State Festival from April 3 to April 6, 2019. The high school student that has qualified for the states will be accompanied by a parent. The cost for the activity is \$385.00 paid by the district for the student's lodging, meals and music. Mr. Vogel's cost for transportation is \$476.76. The cost of the conference is \$185.00. The cost for lodging and meals for Mr. Vogel is \$900.00. The total cost to the district will be \$1946.76.**

Public Comment

A parent questioned if there are any AR (Augmented Reality) devices in the district. Mr. Lee responded that there are currently no AR devices in the district. He recently attended a conference on AR and VR (Virtual Reality) technology devices. Before the district steps in this realm, we want to ensure the district usage as they are expensive devices. Dr. Pitone further added that district determines the utilization and entry points of resources, the cost effectiveness of resources and how the district will sustain resources. This topic is in the beginning stages of discussion.

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary