

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, January 16, 2018  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

**PRESENT:**                **Committee:** Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mr. John Mackenzie

**Board:** Mr. A.J. Baker, Mr. Matt DeNucci

**Administration:** Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee,  
Mrs. Lauren Hopkins, Mr. Christian Jaspersen, Mr. Don Tabar

**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 November, 2017 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee, except for Item B of the Discussion/Informational Items. Educational Specifications has been postponed and will be presented at the February meeting.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

**A. Cell Phone Use at the High School – Mr. Don Tabar**

A parent inquired about cell phone policy (Policy #237), which is online. Mr. Tabar shared that cell phone use in the classroom is at the discretion of the teacher. He further explained that programs such as CAHOOT and PLICKERS can be use on cell phones. Notes can be taken. Students can take a snapshot of Powerpoint demonstrations.

Mr. Jaspersen explained that cell phones can also be used in hallways, the cafeteria and school grounds. Mr. Tabar will add cell phone use as an item on his agenda for the next Faculty Meeting.

A parent asked about cell phone abuse and how that would be treated. Mr. Jaspersen explained that there are several levels of punishment. A student can received a warning for the first offense, then a teacher detention, a formal referral in Infinite Campus, 35 minutes of time can be

added to the teacher detention, or a Saturday School. The parent felt that abuse of cell phones is treated too leniently.

Mr. Lee, Technology Director, stated that students and parents sign an Acceptable Use Policy consent form. The form is kept on record in Infinite Campus. It is signed only once.

**B. Educational Specifications – *Dr. Constance Bompadre and Mr. Michael Dumin***

Postponed until February's Budget and Facilities Meeting.

**C. SPARK Physical Education Resource – *Dr. Constance Bompadre***

Dr. Bompadre asked the committee if SPARK, an elementary physical education resource could be purchased for the 4 elementary schools. Common resources will be shared across the 4 schools. The program includes teachers manuals, instructional units, 400 field tested activities, music CD's and an online portfolio. This program supports the Physical Education curriculum. The cost for 6 years online access is \$4632. If approved, Dr. Bompadre would like to have a motion added to the January Board meeting agenda.

**D. Naiku Assessment/Data Software – *Mr. Christopher Lee***

Mr. Lee shared with the committee information regarding Naiku. It is a data collection/assessment software program. The software can perform an item analysis to show what a student does or does not know. The data can also be shared as deemed by Administration. PVAAS, PSSA and Keystone data can also be added to the program. Dr. Bompadre mentioned that diagrams, video and animation can be added to tests. The program communicates with Infinite Campus and is teacher friendly.

Mr. Lee explained to the committee that the additional increase was for the add-on piece (Scantron) for traditional test taking. The district will eventually move away from this in a few years.

The following motions were moved along to the full Board.

**Administrative/Teacher Conferences:**

- A. Motion to approve Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, and the following assistant football coaches: Zach Young, Steve Giordano, Harry Gicking, Josh Crooks, Mike Willard, Scott Williams, Matt DeStefano, Bob Knapp, and Chris Boggs, to attend the Glazier Clinics Conference in Baltimore, Maryland on February 9-11, 2018 and in Atlantic City, New Jersey on February 23-25, 2018. The cost of transportation will be \$433.35 paid by coaches. The cost of lodging will be \$514.00 per person paid by coaches. The cost of the conference will be \$479.00 paid by the district. Total cost to the district is \$479.00.**

- B. Motion to approve Christopher Gicking, Athletic Director/Coach, to attend the Pennsylvania State Athletic Directors Association (PSADA) conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania on March 20-23, 2018. The cost of transportation is \$104.80 paid by the district. The cost of the conference is \$500.00 paid by the district. The cost of lodging is \$580.00 paid by the district. The total cost to the district is \$1184.00.**

**Curricular Trips:**

- C. Motion to approve Tracy Jacobson, counselor, Michael Winterbottom, teacher, and Brian Isselmann, teacher, to accompany members of LINK to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Reinholds, Pennsylvania on April 5-7, 2018. The cost for transportation is \$25.00 per student. The cost for the activity is \$175.00 per student. All costs are covered by the students, PTO, and donations. There is no cost to the district.**
- D. Motion to approve Mr. Siegel, Mrs. Campo and Mr. Vlahos, teachers, to accompany the Paxton Hollow Middle School grade 8 class to travel to Hershey Park in Hershey, Pennsylvania on June 7, 2018. The cost for transportation is \$4,500.00 paid by the students. The cost for the activity is \$52.00 per student paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

**Athletic Trips:**

- E. Motion to approve a change to the PIAA Cheerleading trip on January 19-20, 2018. This trip was board approved in November and changes have been made as to the cost to the district. The team has qualified for this PIAA Competitive Spirt Championship so the cost for the hotel will be paid by the district. The total cost for transportation is \$406.00 and the cost for lodging is \$ \$1,678.32. The total cost to the district is \$2,084.32.**

**Clubs:**

- F. Motion to approve the Marple Newtown Flag Football Club at the High School. The purpose of this club is to give students the opportunity to play in a fun team environment and not worry about the physicality of tackle football. This will also be a co-ed club to give equal chance to enjoy football regardless of size, speed or gender. The club advisor is David Vosheski.**

**Software Purchase:**

- G. Motion to approve the purchase of Naiku, a data collection and assessment software at the prorated cost of \$8,322.50. The annual subscription effective July 1<sup>st</sup> will be \$19,974.00.**

**Education Resource Purchase:**

- H. Motion to approve the purchase of SPARK, a physical education resource for the elementary Physical Education teachers. The cost for the 6-year on-line access and all printed materials is \$4,632.00.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine