

**CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, January 20, 2015  
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

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

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

**Administration:** Dr. Merle Horowitz, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee,  
Ms. Sandra Schaal, Ms. Chris White

**I. Call to Order**

Mr. Altieri called the meeting to order at 7:43 p.m.

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

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

**III. Approval of Minutes**

The November, 2014 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

A. Citizenship Challenge – *Ms. Sandy Schaal and Ms. Jaclyn Purcell*

Ms. Purcell's 5<sup>th</sup> grade class participated in a Writing Contest, sponsored by Arcadia University, about how to increase voter participation. Peter Pilko, a student at Loomis Elementary School, was one of the top 10 students who participated in the Writing Contest to be invited to the Constitution Center. On December 18, 2014, Peter and his class performed a skit at the Constitution Center. Peter's proposal was to permit a longer voting window, from Monday – Friday and to have online voting. Ms. Purcell showed the committee two short clips of the presentation.

B. Curriculum for Social Studies & Music K-12 – *Ms Sandy Schaal*

Ms. Schaal provided a power point for Social Studies and Music K-12. She also provided committee members with samples of the curriculum.

Social Studies is currently in Year 6 of the Curriculum Cycle for Elementary – Teaching for Impact. Ms. Schaal and elementary teachers are tweaking scope and sequence, essential questions and assessment.

Social Studies is currently in Year 7 of the Curriculum Cycle for Secondary – Preparing for Change. Ms. Schaal and teachers will identify strengths and weaknesses of the curriculum and investigate current instructional practices.

In the 2014/2015 school year, Social Studies focused on K-12 Financial Literacy.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – SAP Junior Achievement partnership
- 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – “Bear Country Credit Union”
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade – Decision-Making & Earning Income Lessons
- 12<sup>th</sup> grade – Identify Theft & Establishing and Maintaining Credit
- Financial Literacy – Business Etiquette Lesson
- Student Interns for FMFCU Credit Union – MNHS Student Branch

Literacy in Secondary Social Studies Initiatives:

- HS Social Studies Writing Scope and Sequence
- Paxon Hollow Reading and Writing in Social Studies

Mr. Doug Killough worked on the Literacy Unit with the English Department. Paxon Hollow teachers are using data to design activities in the classroom.

#### K-12 Music and the Curriculum Cycle

Music is currently in Year 3 of the Curriculum Cycle K-12- Teaching for Understanding. New resources are being implemented. Scope and sequence, essential questions and assessments are being tweaked.

Currently, the curriculum revision process is as follows:

- K-5 General Music Curriculum Revision - completed
- 4-5 Instrumental Curriculum - completed
- K-12 Performance Skills Benchmarks – in progress
- 6-8 General Music and Performance Group Curriculum Revision – in progress
- High School Music Curriculum Revision – in progress

#### C. 2015-2016 District Calendar – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

The District Calendar must be approved earlier due to PIMS (Pennsylvania Information Management System) data collection deadlines. Two drafts were presented. Draft A has New Teacher Induction from August 24 -27, 2015 and 3 opening days for professional development. The last teacher day would be June 22, 2015, one day after students. Draft B has New Teacher Induction from August 24 – 27, 2015 and 4 opening days for professional development. The last teacher day would be June 21, 2015. Teachers would end the school year on the same day as students. Both drafts will be presented at the regular Board Meeting on January 27, 2015.

*D. Website Redesign – Dr. Merle Horowitz*

Dr. Horowitz studied other school district websites. The district is looking for a cleaner, fresher design. A suggestion would be to have District News front and center with a picture of each school below. A parent would click on the appropriate school and Links would be to the left and Upcoming Events would be to the right. Each individual school page would be redesigned.

**VI. Motions**

The following motions have been moved along to the full Board.

- A. Motion to approve the second reading of the revised Tobacco Use Policy #222.
- B. Motion to approve Mrs. Debbie Snell, Coordinator of Student Information, to attend the A/CAPA Child Accounting Summit in Harrisburg, PA on February 25-27, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$767.00.
- C. Motion to approve Mrs. Debbie Snell to attend the PIMS Data Summit in Harrisburg, PA on March 22-25, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$250.00.
- D. Motion to approve Mr. Dennis Reardon, Assistant Principal, to attend the PA State Athletic Directors Conference at the Hershey Lodge in Hershey, PA on March 18-19, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$505.00.
- E. Motion to approve Dr. Josephine Johnston, Curriculum Supervisor, to attend the PA Educational Technology Expo at the Hershey Lodge, in Hershey, PA on February 10, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$115.00.
- F. Motion to approve Mrs. Michele Lunn, teacher, and Mrs. Jen Fidalgo, teacher, to attend the Success For All Foundation Conference in New Orleans, LA on February 8-12, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$1180.00 which is for Jen Fidalgo. Michelle Lunn is covered by the Success For All Foundation Grant.
- G. Motion to approve Mrs. Kim Shilling, teacher, and Mrs. Jody Farkas, teacher, to attend the Reducing Recurring Behavior Problems with Difficult, Disruptive and Non-Compliant Students Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ on February 25, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$458.00.
- H. Motion to approve Mr. Brian Isselmann, teacher, Ms. Tracy Jacobson, counselor, and Mr. Mike Winterbottom, teacher, to travel to South Mountain YMCA in Wernersville, PA with the LINK students on April 10-12, 2015. The total cost per student is \$125.00. There is no cost to the district.
- I. Motion to approve Mr. Chris Gicking, teacher and football coach, to attend the Glazier Clinics in Baltimore, MD on February 6-8, 2015 and in Atlantic City, NJ on February 27-March 1, 2015. The total cost to the district is \$397.00.

- J. Motion to approve Mr. Steve Smith, coach, to accompany the Varsity Baseball Team to Hanover County High School in Richmond, VA on March 7-8, 2015. All players and families are traveling on their own. Each family will pay for their own hotel room and their own meals. Hanover HS does not charge anything for the stay and their boosters club serves all of our players' dinner between games.
- K. Motion to approve Mr. Michael Snow, teacher, to accompany the Ski and Outdoor Club to travel to White Face Mountain, NY on February 6-8, 2015. This trip replaces an October Board approved trip to Mt. Snow Resort, VT which had to be cancelled due to shortage of student participation. The total cost per student is \$375.00. There is no cost to the district.
- L. Motion to approve the Latin Club at Marple Newtown High School. The purpose of this club is to learn about and appreciate Greek and Roman Cultures and the Latin Language. The club advisor is Mrs. Traci Dubs.
- M. Motion to approve the Ski Club at Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of this club is to offer students and faculty an opportunity to go to a local mountain resort and enjoy the sport of skiing or snowboarding. The club advisor is Mr. Dean Vlahos.
- N. Motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following High School French Materials and Textbooks - Discovering French Blanc 2:

103 Textbooks  
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004  
ISBN-13: 978-0-395-87489-9  
ISBN-10: 0-395-87489-0  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

26 Activity Workbooks  
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004  
ISBN: 0-618-29912-2  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

2 Workbooks  
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004  
ISBN: 0-618-29886-X  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

9 Resource Books  
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004  
ISBN: 0-618-29894-0  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

1 Teacher's Edition  
Copyright: McDougal Littell, 2004  
ISBN: 0-395-88142-0  
Publisher: Houghton Mifflin Company, USA

- O. Motion to approve the sale of disposal of the following High School Spanish Materials – La Catrina:

La Novela: El Último Secreto  
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999  
ISBN: 0-673-21846-5  
Publisher: Prentice Hall, USA

Video Teacher's Guide: Paso a Paso  
Copyright: Scott, Foresman and Company, 1996  
ISBN: 0-673-21758-2  
Publisher: Pearson Prentice Hall, USA

Video Workbook Teacher's Guide: El Último Secreto  
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999  
ISBN: 0-673-21845-7  
Publisher: Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, USA

Video Workbook: El Último Secreto  
Copyright: Addison Wesley Longman, 1999  
ISBN: 0-673-21844-9  
Publisher: Scott Foresman-Addison Wesley, USA

Video Workbook Teacher's Guide: Paso a Paso  
Copyright: Scott Foresman and Company, 1996  
ISBN: 0-673-21804-X  
Publisher: Scott Foresman, USA

Video Workbook: Paso a Paso  
Copyright: Scott Foresman and Company, 1996  
ISBN: 0-673-21803-1  
Publisher: Scott Foresman, USA

Meeting adourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine

