

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, August 20, 2013
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Ms. Kathryn Chandless, Mrs. Sherry-Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Jim Lanzalotto, Mrs. Barbara Harvey

Board: Mr. A.J. Baker

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Merle Horowitz,
Ms Sandra Schaal, Mr. Christopher Lee

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Galbraith led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. Approval of Minutes

The June 2013 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. The Yale Experience – Mrs. Larysa Dragonetti

Dr. Bompadre invited Mrs. Dragonetti to share her Yale Experience with the committee. She told the committee that Ms. Sandra Schaal, Humanities Supervisor, nominated her for the award. The Yale Experience is held once every two years and is funded by the 1957 Yale graduating class.

Mrs. Dragonetti told the committee that 50 music educators from across the country came together to discuss literacy and the common core. They also spoke of how they could develop lesson plans to meet the changes in music curriculum today. Mrs. Dragonetti told the committee that the music educators plan on staying connected through a Facebook page. Larysa demonstrated how to use music in a lesson to meet the rigor and standards of the common core.

B. Financial Literacy Program for MNSD – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Horowitz attended a Superintendents' Meeting at "Bear Country" located at the Federal Mint Federal Credit Union. The Credit Union has a Learning Center that works with the son of the author of the Berenstain Bears children's books. Five school districts already have joined the program. MNSD will be sending their 3rd grade students to visit Bear country.

At the middle school level, students will have lessons on "Goal Setting/Decision Making" (Fall) and "Earning Income" (Spring). In the Spring, students will be given an overview of the Federal Mint Federal Credit Union Student Internship Program. Interested students will be asked to take Financial Literacy at the high school.

At the high school level, students actually run the bank. There is no cost or commitment to the district. The only requirements are that there must be a location for the bank and that employees and students be offered membership to the bank. Dr. Bompadre, Ms. Sandra Schaal (Humanities Supervisor) and Mr. Rich Slonaker (Math and Technology Supervisor) will spend a year working on the set up. Students will then be trained to work in the bank. High school principal, Mr. Greg Puckett, is also on board with the project. The committee is very interested in the program.

C. Professional Development – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with a list of workshops that were offered over the summer. All of the workshops were set up by the end of May. Dr. Bompadre told the committee that she would like to expand the District Writing Plan into a Literacy plan to help strengthen our district programs. Dr. Bompadre is very proud of the staff and was happy to see a great turnout by the teachers.

D. Robotics Initiative – Dr. Merle Horowitz

Dr. Horowitz told the committee that the Robotics Initiative is part of the STEM project (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) which is federally funded. Two teachers, Mr. Donald Sloat and Ms. Jess Buechele have put together a team to participate in competitions. The teachers applied for the Tiger Grant and received \$2500. They would like to reach out to the business/industry community for additional support. The Robotics Initiative is also hoping to encourage young women to consider STEM careers. Parent volunteers are needed to help with driving the team to various competitions. Dr. Horowitz told the committee that the Robotics Initiative will become a high school academic initiative.

VI. Motions

The following motions will be moved along to the full Board.

A. Motion to approve Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor; Ms. Christine White, Principal; Mrs. Patrice Cutler, Teacher; Mrs. Peggy Stathes, Teacher; Mrs. Danielle Ashworth, Teacher; Mrs. Denise King, Teacher and Mrs. Helene Duckett, Reading Specialist to attend the Keystone State Reading Association Conference on October 18-20, 2013 at State College, PA. Loomis

Elementary will receive the PA Exemplary Reading Program Award at the state level and will present a 2 hour session for PA educators. The total cost of the conference is \$2,997.48.

B. Motion to approve Mrs. Jen Cipollone, Counselor; Ms. Tracy Jacobson, Counselor and Mr. Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany the Renaissance Club Students to Wildwood, NJ, (Morey's Pier), on May 28, 2014. The cost per pupil is \$50. There is no cost to the district.

C. Motion to approve Mr. Collin Hannan, Teacher and Mr. Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany the Student Council members to attend a conference in Reading, PA on September 24, 2013. The cost per pupil is \$45. There is no cost to the district.

D. Motion to approve Mr. Collin Hannan, Teacher and Mr. Brian Isselmann, Teacher, to accompany the Student Council members to attend a conference in Boyertown, PA on November 14-16, 2013. The cost per pupil is \$110. There is no cost to the district.

E. Motion to approve the MNHS Athletic Teams trips as needed per schedule in accordance with P.I.A.A.

F. Motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following McDougal Littell publication of Middle School Science Textbooks:

- 250 Changing Earth, 2007, ISBN#61884236
- 50 Earth's Atmosphere, 2007, ISBN#618842454
- 50 Ecology, 2007, ISBN#618842217
- 250 Life Over Time, 2007, ISBN#618842160
- 250 Diversity of Living Things, 2007, ISBN#618842195
- 250 Cells & Heredity, 2007, ISBN#618843175
- 250 Earth's Surface, 2007, ISBN#618842276
- 250 Earth's Waters, 2007, ISBN#061842511X
- 250 Matter & Energy, 2007, ISBN#618842497
- 250 Chemical Interactions, 2007, ISBN#618842519
- 40 Space Science, 2007, ISBN#618842470

G. Motion to approve the sale or disposal of the following Prentice Hall publication of Middle School Science Textbooks:

- 250 The Nature of Science and Technology, 2007, ISBN#132011603