

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, September 13, 2012
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Robert Sack, Mrs. Sherry Lee McAuliffe, Mr. Jim Lanzolotto

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Merle Horowitz, Ms. Sandra Schaal, Mrs. Suzanne Mecouch, Dr. Toni Himes, Mr. Richard Slonaker

I. Call to Order

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

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Mrs. Galbraith.

III. Approval of Minutes

The August minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda, along with addendum, was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Summer Workshops – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre shared with the committee the work the curriculum department has completed by content area as it aligned to our district’s curriculum review cycle. Each supervisor spoke specifically about the summer workshops that they held.

Sue Mecouch – Supervisor for Science, HPE and FCS

- Elementary – kit trainings for new teachers or new to a grade level
- Middle/high school “Map the Essentials”
- New electives – Forensics, Environmental Science, FCS Culinary (High School)
- Middle/high school – FCS “Teach for Understanding”
- K-12 – HPE and Health – curriculum revision

Sandra Schaal – Supervisor for Humanities

- K-5 Social Studies – redesign common assessments to be piloted and training in the use of on-line resources
- High School – Social Studies Electives – review and select materials for new adoption

- High School – Social Studies (10-12) – update and revise essential questions, core curriculum maps, and assessments, as needed.
- Middle School – Social Studies (6-9) – update and revise essential questions, core curriculum maps, and assessments, as needed.
- Art (K-12) – develop curriculum for Digital Photography
- Music (K-12) – develop essential questions and core curriculum maps for new electives.

Richard Slonaker – Supervisor of Mathematics, Business Education, and Technology

- Business/Tech. Ed. (6-12) – select new resources for Computer Applications course, review/revise current content offerings, discuss technology resources and needed upgrades
- Math – create new Honors Algebra I course for 9th grade and assure that courses at Paxon Hollow and High School are identical in content and coverage.
- Math (9-12) – realign core high school math courses to Keystone Assessment Standards
- Math (6-8) – revise maps to assure appropriate coverage in preparation for PSSA

Dr. Toni Himes – Supervisor for Language Arts/Federal Programs Director

- English – (6-12) teachers & supervisors working collaboratively to plan and map assessment
- English – (10) question alignment sessions
- Humanities – collaboration choice of materials
- English – (K) – curriculum review
- Introduction to Common Core Standards – elementary/middle school

B. Opening Week and Induction – Dr. Connie Bompadre

At our opening assembly this year, no guest speaker was invited in order to make time for Infinite Campus training. Mr. Chris Lee, Technology Director, arranged for Infinite Campus training throughout the week. Mr. Richard Slonaker, Math Supervisor, had enVisionMath training for elementary teachers, grades K-5, throughout the week.

Dr. Bompadre told the committee that there are 20 new staff members, including long-term substitutes who received contracts. New teachers met for 5 days before Opening Week. They are provided with an overview of the curriculum and the inner workings of the school district. For the 2012-2013 school year, Supervisors front loaded Induction workshops to discuss classroom instruction and curriculum development. Veteran teachers or other level staff members will speak to new teachers throughout the year. In the Spring, supervisors will pair by content level area with new teachers and mentors.

C. Common Core Standards – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre has added Instructional Leadership Meetings to the 2012-2013 schedule. Elementary and secondary principals, as well as supervisors, will be attending the meetings. Meeting discussions will be centered around the books, Pathways to the Common Core and Vertical Progression Guides (for Language Arts and Math).

Miscellaneous Discussion

There was discussion regarding a \$6,000 donation to be used for I-pads. It was suggested that one school pilot the use of the I-pads before any major decisions are made. Mrs. Galbraith mentioned that someone could contact the DCIU regarding APPS. A motion will be made to accept the donation.

There was also discussion about textbook costs, online book costs, online resources and the use of tablets in the future. A supervisor mentioned that the online books cost just as much as the hard copies and we only have the licenses for 6 years.

VI. Motions

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

- A. Motion to approve Collin Hannan, Teacher, and Brian Isselman, Teacher, and four members of Student Council to attend the Ignite 2012-PASC 76th State Conference in New Castle, PA on November 1-3, 2012. The students will be staying with host families in the New Castle Area. The cost per pupil is \$110 and \$40 for the bus. There is no cost to the district.
- B. Motion to approve Mike Colgan, Girls Basketball Coach and the basketball team to attend a tournament in Orlando, Florida on December 12-16, 2012. The cost per pupil is \$400 which will be paid by fundraising. There is no cost to the district.
- C. Motion to approve Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor, Andr3eaq Fiorentino, Reading Specialist, Helene Duckett, Reading Specialist, and Meredith Marks, Reading Specialist to attend the International Dyslexia Conference in Baltimore, MD on October 24-25, 2012. The total cost to the district is \$1,565.00 for registration and mileage paid by Title II.
- D. Motion to approve Brian Isselman, Teacher, Tracy Jacobson, Counselor, and Mike Winterbottom, Teacher to attend LINK with 50 students to south Mountain YMCA on October 26-28, 2012. There is no cost to the district.
- E. Motion to dispose of 250 copies for grades 6-12 of the followi9ng textbooks: En Espanol, Publisher: McDougal Littell, copyright: 2—4, ISBN #0-618-25057-3.
- F. To approve Dr. Michael Karpyn, Teacher, to attend the4 PA Council for Social Studies Conference in Bethlehem, PA on October 12, 2012. Dr. Karpyn was invited to speak about MNHS involvement in the National History Day program. The total cost to the district is \$175.00.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine