

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, February 19, 2013
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

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

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Ms. Sandra Schaal

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The November, 2012 minutes were approved by the committee. There were no January minutes due to a meeting cancellation.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

- A. Transition to Common Core – *Dr. Connie Bompadre***
 - 1. Parent Nights**
 - 2. Curriculum Website**

The first Parent Night will be held on February 25, 2013 at Paxon Hollow Middle School for parents of elementary students. The informational session will run from 6:30 – 8:00. Parents will be rotated through 3 mini workshops. The curriculum department wants to provide parents and guardians with an overview of how this shift in content standards will impact student learning outcomes, student assessment, curriculum alignment and professional development.

The second Parent Night will be held on March 5, 2013 at Paxon Hollow Middle School for parents of secondary students and will run from 6:30 – 8:00. Parents will be rotated through 3 mini workshops. Resources are listed on the curriculum website. Parents will be notified of the dates/times through the Infinite Campus Portal and email.

B. Practice SAT Tests offered at MNHS – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Practice SAT tests were offered at MNHS on November 20, 2012. Dr. McFall and the counselors had an SAT Prep company, Kaplan, come to administer the tests. Kaplan provided their own proctors. The students were charged \$20. It was very well attended. The practice tests were for students in grades 9 through 12. Dr. Bompadre mentioned that there is no contract and will follow-up with the company. Another test was administered on February 15, 2013. A smaller group attended this practice test.

C. PA-EETEP/Teacher Evaluation Portal – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

PA-EETEP is Pennsylvania's Electronic Teacher Evaluation Portal for educators. It was designed by Educator Effectiveness trainers. The evaluation portal streamlines each step, making the new teacher evaluation process more efficient, secure, accurate, organized, accessible, effective, and affordable. It guides the teacher and supervisor through the process and also engages the teacher and supervisor in professional growth.

D. Bridges Virtual Education Services – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Bridges is a collaboration between the Bucks County Intermediate Unit and the Quakertown Community School District. Bridges has partnered with Blackboard as the web-based server for the online program.

Dr. Horowitz facilitated two different meetings with high school staff to see who would be interested in a professional development course about teaching in the online world and who might actually want to teach a course next year as part of the Bridges consortium.

Bridges offers 46 courses for high school students. Our trained teachers will be in a pool of teachers from six school districts who will be trained to teach classes next year to hundreds of students. Due to the commitment of our teachers, we will be able to offer 180 online courses to Marple Newtown High School students. If we have an interest for more than 180 seats for courses, we can contract with Bridges at the fee of \$450 per course.

The original cost estimate for implementation over two years was \$30,000. Due to our organization, commitment and meetings for the past seven months with Bridges, Dr. Horowitz negotiated our costs down to \$18,000 over two years.

Bridges has a good variety of resources and comprehensive staff development. Classes are synchronous – dedicated times when students meet and asynchronous – not all at the same time. There was a great deal of discussion among parents and committee members and Chris Lee needs to work out the logistics. There are still some details to be worked out.

E. Paperless Board Docs & Document Management – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Mr. Lee spoke to the committee about Microsoft Share Point, which is a collaboration application piece. As the district already owns the application, we would be responsible for a

\$120 maintenance fee. Board documents and other sensitive documents would be secure. This is meant for internal use only.

The following motions will be sent on to the full Board.

VI. Motions

- A. Motion to approve the purchase of PA-EETEP, Electronic Teacher Evaluation Portal, at a cost of \$4,800.00.**
- B. Motion to approve the district to contract with Bridges Virtual Education Services, 705 N. Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown, Pennsylvania 18901, to provide virtual course offerings to students, virtual program consulting services and professional development to staff effective February 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 at a fee of \$18,000.00.**
- C. Motion to approve the Helping Paws at the High School. The purpose of the club is to raise awareness of animal shelters. The club advisor is Mrs. Christine Roy.**
- D. Motion to approve the Ice Hockey Club at the High School. The purpose of the club is to provide ice hockey teams for MNHS students. The club advisor is Mr. David Vosheski.**
- E. Motion to approve Ms. Carolyn Firkser, teacher, to accompany the MNHS Girls Lacrosse team to play in pre-season games in Annapolis, MD on March 22-24, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$75.00. There is no cost to the district.**
- F. Motion to approve Mr. Steve Smith, coach, to accompany the MNHS Varsity Baseball team to play in pre-season games at Hanover County High School in Richmond, VA on March 9-10, 2013. There is no cost per pupil. There is no cost to the district.**
- G. Motion to approve the Paxon Hollow Middle School Student Council accompanied by Mrs. Mary Harper, teacher, and Mrs. Karen Pantle, teacher, to attend Clementon Park as a team building activity on May 30, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$30.00. There is no cost to the district.**
- H. Motion to approve Dr. Steve Subers, Principal, Mrs. Andrea Fiorentino, Reading Specialist, and Mrs. Dorie Martin, Reading Specialist to attend the PASCAD Annual Conference in Pittsburgh, PA on April 14-17, 2013. There is no cost to the district.**
- I. Motion to approve Ms. Anita Stum, teacher, and 6 High School students to attend the FBLA State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 15-17, 2013. The total cost per pupil for room and meals is \$202.00. The total cost to the district for registration and van rental is \$800.00.**

J. Motion to approve Dr. Merle Horowitz, Superintendent, Dr. Connie Bompadre, Assistant Superintendent, and Dr. Tina Sweeley, Assistant Principal, to attend the 2013 Women's Caucus Conference Program in Hershey, PA on May 5-7, 2013. The total cost to the district including the conference and hotel is \$2,250.00.

K. Motion to approve Mr. Doug Killough, teacher, to accompany the MNHS 20th Century American History Class to travel to Washington, D.C. on May 30, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$40.00.

L. Motion to approve the contract between Villanova University and Marple Newtown School District for the commencement event being held on June 13, 2013. The total cost to the district for this event is \$10,775.00.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine