

The calendar would have to be changed.

B. Graduation Requirement – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

1. Existing for Proficiency on PSSA

The original recommendation for PSSA reads:

Students are required to attain proficiency, as defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the PSSA exams. Current interpretation would be Proficient or higher on Math and Reading. Students who do not achieve a score of Proficient or higher will participate in PLATO remediation in the spring.

2. Proposed for Keystone Exams

The new recommendation for Keystone Exams would be:

Students are required to attain proficiency, as defined by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the Keystone exams. Current interpretation would be Proficient or higher on the Algebra I and Literature Keystone exams. Students who do not eventually achieve a score of Proficient or higher will participate in a district based remediation program prior to graduation. *Any policy developed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education regarding the Keystone exams and graduation requirements will supersede the district policy.*

C. Paperless Documents and Repository – *Mr. Chris Lee*

Mr. Lee will make his report at the January CIT meeting.

D. Junior Achievement in a Day – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre went to Russell School to observe the Junior Achievement in a Day and found the program to be very successful. Trained volunteers from SAP Industries went to each second grade classroom in all 4 elementary schools to teach the units of Junior Achievement's program in an intensive one-day effort. All second graders learned about "Our Community." They had a chance to see how money moves through a community, creating jobs and generating tax proceeds that pay for schools, parks, and streets. The program supported the second grade *Social Studies Alive! Our Community* curriculum with extra economic lessons. Teachers were very enthusiastic about Junior Achievement in a Day. Ms. Sandy Schaal helped to organize this day for MNSD.

E. Applications for iPads – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre reached out to the Delaware County IU for information on iPad applications and websites. The IU provided a list of free apps for grades K-6 and two websites. One of the websites, Nearpod, allows teachers to project lessons directly to iPads and engage students with interactive instruction. It does require a little training for teachers to use.

F. District In-Service Day, November 6th – Dr. Connie Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee an overview of the in-service day. The Unified Arts Department participated in county-wide events.

Elementary School

- enVisionMath workshop in the morning and reported back to home schools in the afternoon for building level or grade level discussion
- some teachers also took part in a Writer's Notebook Activity at Culbertson.

Middle School

- Math (grades 6-8) – created Algebra I Keystone review materials
- Science – reviewed new science resource materials along with high school teachers
- Social Studies/Language Arts – Progress Monitoring (AM), Formative Assessment (PM)
- Foreign Language – worked with Social Studies/Language Arts (AM), Incorporating Technology in the Classroom at Delaware County Technical School (PM)

High School

- Math – Keystone Review Packet
- Science – reviewed new science resource materials along with middle school teachers
- Social Studies/Language Arts/World Language – Keystone Teaching Strategies
- World Language - Incorporating Technology in the Classroom at Delaware County Technical School (PM)

Miscellaneous

A Russell School parent addressed the committee about the large class sizes in Grade 3 and was hoping that a classroom assistant could be added or a permanent building sub could be hired. The parent said that research shows benefits to smaller class sizes.

Dr. Horowitz explained that the Board does not like to see any more than 27 students in an elementary classroom. If this is an issue, it must be discussed with the other Board members. If there were to be changes in class sizes, the change must be consistent across the district.

VI. Motions

- A. Motion to approve the following teachers: Karen Siegel, Dean Vlahos, Michelle McAlea, and Mary Flounders to accompany Paxon Hollow Middle School 8th grade to travel to Hershey Park on June 6, 2013 from 7:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The cost per student is \$57 paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

**B. Motion to waive first reading of and approve on final reading Policy No. 122
EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES.**

**C. Motion to waive first reading of and approve on final reading Policy No. 123
INTER- SCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

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