

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, March 14, 2013
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

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

Administration: Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Chris Lee, Dr. Merle Horowitz

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 February 19, 2013 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

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

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. PA Exemplary Reading Program Award– *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Loomis Elementary School received the PA Exemplary Reading Program Award given by the Keystone State Reading Association. Loomis is the only school in Pennsylvania to receive the award. A building site visit was conducted along with building tours and classroom visitations. Interviews were also conducted. The criteria was a Literacy Plan and how the plan was implemented using the 100 book challenge. The Literacy Plan demonstrated how students are enriched and remediated. The principal, Chris White, hosted a luncheon for the faculty.

The International Reading Association is hosting a conference in San Antonio, Texas. Two teachers, Ms. Danielle Ashworth and Ms. Denise King were selected to receive the award, along with Dr. Himes, Chris White and the Reading Specialist, Helene Duckett. Funds from Title III and Loomis Professional Development will be used to pay for the conference and hotel stay.

As winners, the team will present at the conference.

B. Common Core Standards – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with an update of the Transition to the Common Core Standards meeting with parents. There were 51 parents present on the first evening and 21 present on the second evening. Connie and the supervisors received positive feedback from parents and are considering adding 1 or 2 more days in the Spring. There were 3 sessions. Parents were able to attend 3 sessions and listen to supervisors discuss state assessment, how faculty will be educated on how the Common Core will effect curriculum, and reading across the content areas. Resources were provided to parents along with websites.

Communication regarding any possible dates in the Spring will be through email, campus inbox and voicemail.

C. Calendar – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

There was a great deal of discussion regarding the 2013-2014 school calendar. The committee definitely preferred the Sunday through Saturday version. Discussion centered around a half-day in October, half-days in November and the May 20th date for in-service. The committee would like to see other options before a calendar is approved.

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

VI. Motions

- A. Motion to approve the Ice Hockey Club at the Paxon Hollow Middle School. The purpose of the club is to provide an ice hockey team for PHMS students. The club advisor is Mr. Ron Braverman.**

- B. Motion to approve Dr. Mike Karpyn, teacher, and Mr. Brian Isselman, teacher, to accompany the MNHS students that are participating in the PA National History Day Finals at Cumberland Valley HS in Mechanicsburg, PA on May 3-4, 2013. The total cost per pupil is \$50.00. There is no cost to the district.**

The calendar will continue to be worked on and therefore will not move on to the full Board.

Lodgings will be researched for cost before the motion to approve Dr. Toni Himes, Supervisor, Ms. Christine White, Principal, Mrs. Helene Duckett, teacher, Ms. Denis King, teacher, and Ms. Danielle Ashworth, teacher, to attend the International Reading Association Conference in San Antonio, TX on April 18-21, 2013.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn M. Paine