

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

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

**Board:** Mr. Robert Sack, Mr. Leonard Altieri, Mr. A.J. Baker

**Administration:** Dr. Constance Bompadre, Dr. Merle Horowitz,  
Mr. Richard Slonaker

**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 April 16, 2013 minutes were approved by the committee.

**IV. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved by the committee.

**V. Discussion/Informational Items**

**A. Reading Olympics – *Dr. Connie Bompadre***

On April 29, 30, and May 1, Marple Newtown School District hosted the 2013 Delaware County Reading Olympics at the High School. This countywide project was sponsored by the DCIU and the Delaware County Reading Council.

Student teams meet throughout the year to read and discuss books. Teachers and other staff act as question moderators and score keepers. It is a competition in good fun, and all students leave with a blue, red, or white ribbon.

The HS had 1 team – won blue ribbon

The MS had 3 teams – won white ribbon

Russell had 3 teams – won blue, red and white ribbon

Worrall had one team –won blue ribbon

Culbertson had 3 teams – won red ribbon and 2 white ribbons

### **B. Mathematics K-12 Approach – *Mr. Rich Slonaker***

Mr. Slonaker shared a Powerpoint presentation with the committee and also provided a copy of the powerpoint to the committee. During his presentation he shared:

- Data Leading to the Elimination of Fundamentals Level Courses
- History of Grade 8 Students Enrolled in High School Level Math Courses
- Steps to Reduce Achievement Gaps
- Power Teaching i3 Research Study and the Benefits of the Study for PHMS

### **C. Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award – *Dr. Connie Bompadre***

Dr. Bompadre announced that Mrs. Larysa Dragonetti was among those selected to receive the 2013 Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award. Ms. Sandra Schaal, Humanities Supervisor, nominated Mrs. Dragonetti for the honor. Award recipients attend, all expenses paid, the Symposium on Music in Schools, which is held every two years at the Yale School of Music as part of its Music in Schools Initiative. The honors will be conferred at the Symposium's Awards Dinner on Saturday, June 8, 2013.

## **VI. Motions**

**A. Motion to approve the donation of One Mead Model LX200 Series Reflector Telescope given by Mr. Joe Talento. Mr. Talento has been given permission from the Franklin Institute and will include a tripod and the finder scope. Mr. Don Sloat and Mr. Bob Speca would like to add this telescope to their Astronomical Society Club.**

**B. Motion to approve the contribution from Nike for \$5,000 to MNSD for use as a scholarship. This money would be used to add a financial reward (\$250) to each winner to the male and female athletes who win the Herb Rathey Award for scholar athlete. This award is presented to student athletes who best meet the following criteria: participated in multiple sports seasons, excelled in academics, showed great character and leadership, and we able to show great humility and pride whether their team was 10-1 or 1-10.**

**C. Motion to approve Kerri Confora, teacher, to accompany Paxon Hollow Middle School foreign language students to travel to Montreal, Quebec City, on June 22-26, 2013. They will be speaking French, and learning about the country. The total cost per pupil is \$992.00. There is no cost to the district.**

**D. Motion to approve the server and storage lease through HP Financial for a term of five years with an annual payment of \$43,439.05 per year.**

**E. Motion to approve the copier and print fleet management lease through Corrigan Manning Company for a term of four years with an annual payment of \$142,858.07.**

**F. Motion to approve Larysa Dragonetti, teacher, to attend the Yale Symposium on Music and Schools on June 6-9, 2013, in order to accept the Yale Distinguished Music Educator Award. There is no cost to the district.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine