

**MARPLE NEWTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT
CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, August 9, 2012
GAUNTLETT CENTER BOARD ROOM**

PRESENT: **Committee:** Mrs. Nancy Galbraith, Mr. Robert Sack

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

I. Call to Order

Mrs. Galbraith called the meeting to order and 7:35 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge was led by Mrs. Galbraith.

III. Approval of Minutes

The June minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved by the committee.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Teacher Effectiveness Training – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre shared a powerpoint demonstration with the committee. There were 42 teacher volunteers, including content area teachers and unified arts teachers. All administrators were trained between July and August by the DCIU. Three sessions were scheduled to train teachers. Most observations will take place in the fall providing administration time in the spring to meet and debrief. Administration will share this information with teachers through faculty meetings in the spring. Feedback and remaining questions will be shared with the PA Department of Education.

B. Feedback on the Use of Essential Questions in Planning for Instruction – *Dr. Connie Bompadre*

Dr. Bompadre provided the committee with sample Essential Questions. Essential Questions improve instruction and increase student engagement. Teacher feedback was positive and comments were included in the preview of the fall Curriculum Newsletter.

Miscellaneous Discussion:

Mr. Lee told the committee that the new student information system, Infinite Campus, has gone live and that trainings have been ongoing. Teachers will receive training during the Opening Week In-service.

VI. Motions

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

- A. Motion to approve the *Responsible Use of the Communications and Information Systems Policy #815*. The Board has agreed to waive the second reading.
- B. Motion to approve the second reading of the Social Media Policy #816.
- C. Motion to approve Jen Cipollone, counselor, Brian Isselman, Teacher, and Tracy Jacobson, Counselor and the High School Renaissance Club to travel to Inner Harbor in Baltimore, MD on 10/16/2012 for a recognition event. The cost per pupil is \$30 to be paid by the Renaissance Club. There is no cost to the district.
- D. Motion to approve Jen Cipollone, Counselor and the High School Renaissance Club to travel to Mories Pier in Wildwood, NJ on 5/29/2013. The cost per pupil is \$30 to be paid by the Renaissance Club. There is no cost to the district.
- E. Motion to approve the Concurrent Enrollment Agreement for Dual Enrollment between Delaware County Community College and the Marple Newtown School District for the 2012-2013 school year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Paine