

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 8, 2020

(Virtual Zoom Meeting opened to Public)

PRESENT:

Board: Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco, Mrs. Barbara Harvey, Mrs. Tracy Alberti, Ms. Kathryn Chandless, Mr. Dave Dezzi, Mr. Nick Reynolds, Mr. Joseph Driscoll.

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Pitone, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Matthew Flood, Mr. Matthew Oberecker, Mr. John Beltrante, Mr. Chris Lee, Mrs. Stephanie Sturdivant, Dr. Thomas Gretchen, Mr. Dennis Reardon, Mr. Barry Williams, Dr. Heather Logue, Mrs. Christa Palladino, Mr. Christian Jaspersen, Mr. Dan Hyland, Mr. Don Tabar, Mrs. Jaime Smyth, Mr. Jim Wigo, Mr. Chris Gicking, Ms. Chris White.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order at 7:26 p.m on behalf of Mr. Siano.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was done prior to the Budget and Operations Meetings this evening.

III. Approval of Minutes

The August 4, 2020 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Summer Updates – Mr. Christopher Lee

Mr. Lee presented on summer updates. The 1:1 laptop project was completed with 3,100 computers given to district families. He thanked the Administration, parents and students as this was a great team effort.

He reported that virtual learning experienced some Zoom performance issues at the start of school due to the large volume of users. Technology is working on remediating this issue.

B. Summer Professional Learning – Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Mr. Matthew Flood and Mr. Matthew Oberecker

Mr. Oberecker presented on the Schoology professional development that teachers participated in over the summer. This training was completed in three phases including phase one where teachers became familiar with Schoology and the dashboard, phase two included optimizing Schoology and phase three included a customization phase which is the ultimate art of teaching in virtual development.

Mr. Flood reported that there were 75 professional development opportunities offered over the summer months including IXL, Study Island and teacher cohort trainings. Teacher cohort groups met routinely and will share discussions with teachers in their buildings.

Dr. Pitone reported that the Teaching and Learning Department will continue to emphasize connections between the community and MNSD following systems in place achieving success one conversation at a time with learning as the goal and will lean on communities and the MNSD team.

C. Induction – Mr. Matthew Flood

Mr. Flood reported on the Induction Class. In August, the district welcomed twelve new staff members who will participate in their first year of a two-year induction program. The class met in person on the first day and will meet virtual going forward.

VI. Motions

All motions will be moved along to the Board Meeting.

September 2020 CIT Motions

Math Curriculum Change:

- A. Motion to approve a change in the elementary math curriculum from an accelerated model to an enriched model beginning this school year 2020-2021.**

Public Comment

A parent voiced their concern, following up on their presentation at the Operations Meeting this evening, regarding the time sensitive nature of the district requirements to participate in sports competitions. Mr. Gicking will follow up with PIAA with these questions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rose Vannicolo
Curriculum Secretary