

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, April 13, 2021
(Meeting was held at Marple Newtown High School and opened to the public)

PRESENT:

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

Administration: Dr. Tina Kane, Dr. Constance Bompadre, Mr. Jake Gallagher, Dr. Dorie Martin-Pitone, Mr. Jim Orwig, Mr. Matthew Oberecker, Dr. Heather Logue, Mr. Christopher Lee and Mrs. Gina Ross.

I. Call to Order

Mr. Siano called the meeting to order at 7:14 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

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

III. Approval of Minutes

The March 9, 2021 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Laptop Collection and Distribution for Students – Mr. Christopher Lee

Mr. Lee presented on the laptop collection and distribution for students. Those students transitioning to a new building will be the initial focus, including incoming 9th grade students and 6th grade students, after PSSA testing. Seniors will return their laptops once they have completed their Senior Project. Students entering Kindergarten will receive laptops at the beginning of the new school year. Students will have their laptops over the summer.

B. Live Streaming Public Board Meetings – Dr. Tina Kane

Dr. Kane reported that the district is interested in live streaming the public board meetings. With the limitations of Covid 19, the virtual zoom opportunity has been valuable in reaching out to district families. Dr. Kane has consulted with other school district Superintendents on how they conduct their meetings and the anticipated requirements to utilize this option.

Dr. Kane, Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Lee have met to discuss live stream efforts and are obtaining quotes for hardware materials, such as microphones, recording devices and wireless access. FinalSite, the new district website, is designed to handle the function of live stream. Dr. Kane is reviewing Board Policies with the solicitor for updates. Dr. Kane presented the live stream option to the Board for consideration. Mr. Bilker commented the Board has been inspired by the number of parents who have attended district meetings on zoom over this past year. The opportunity to live stream would be beneficial to district families, as it would extend access and transparency. With the continued improvement of the Covid 19 situation, the Board would like to return to regular forum in the Board Room as soon as guidelines permit.

VI. Motions

All motions will be moved along to the Board Meeting.

April 2021 CIT Motions

Administrative Trip:

- A. Motion to approve Dr. Dorie Martin Pitone, Mrs. Denise Land, and Mrs. Teresa Ferry to attend the Pennsylvania Association Federal Program Coordinators (PAFPC) Annual 53rd Conference (Virtual), on May 4 and May 5, 2021. The cost of the conference for Dr. Pitone as a member is \$125.00. The cost of the conference for Mrs. Land and Mrs. Ferry is \$150.00 per person. The total cost to the district is \$425.00.**

Book Disposals:

- B. Motion to approve the disposal of the list of books from the MNHS library as presented.**

Donation:

- C. Motion to approve the funding, provided by the Worrall PTO, for any materials needed for the memorial quilt project in honor of Suzanne Nagel, former Worrall Special Education Assistant, not to exceed \$1000.**

Public Comment

A parent inquired if live stream meeting presentations would be available to parents who were not able to attend the meetings. Dr. Kane responded that a link containing the live stream would be posted to the website. The parent commended the new website with the exception of the pop-ups. Mr. Lee reported that this feature could be adjusted to limit pop-ups through the menu.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicolo
Secretary
Teaching and Learning Department