

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 8, 2021
(Meeting was held at Marple Newtown High School and opened to the public)

PRESENT:

Board: Mr. Matthew Bilker, Mrs. Desiree Tomasco, Mr. Dave Dezzi, Mr. Joseph Driscoll.

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Bilker called the meeting to order on behalf of Mr. Siano 6:53 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 May 11, 2021 minutes were approved by the committee.

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved with the Addendum to approve an Athletic Trip.

V. Discussion/Informational Items

A. Update to the Marple Newtown School District Health & Safety Plan for Summer 2021 – Dr. Constance Bompadre

Dr. Bompadre presented on the Marple Newtown School District Health and Safety Plan for Summer 2021, effective June 23, 2021. There will be no social distancing requirements and masking will not be required. All unvaccinated individuals are encouraged to wear a mask. Cleaning and sanitizing of desks, surfaces, lunchrooms and buses will continue regularly, and hand sanitization devices will remain intact. Water fountains will be disabled and students and staff will be encouraged to bring water bottles. This information will be posted on the district website.

Dr. Kane commented that the district anticipates this less restrictive phase from summer to follow into the fall opening of next school year. The district has shared the plan with the Chester County Health Department, and they have approved it. Dr. Kane shared that Delaware County is in the process of creating its own Health Department. Dr. Kane reported that the district staff is excited for this opportunity to return back to normal.

B. Livestreaming – Mr. Christopher Lee and Dr. Tina Kane

Mr. Lee reported that he and Dr. Kane have been looking into options with livestream for use in additional buildings and outside events. A brief video was presented. At this time, it has been determined to keep the minimal option presented to the Board last month and to pilot this option before expanding to other buildings in the district.

Mr. Bilker inquired when the district anticipates moving the meetings back to the Board Room. Mr. Driscoll reported he anticipates moving back to the Board Room by the end of August, 2021 at the latest.

VI. Motions

All motions will be moved along to the Board Meeting.

June 2021 CIT Motions

PSBA:

- A. Motion to approve the contract between the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) and Marple Newtown School District for the policy review service at a cost of \$6,800.00.**

Emergency Instructional Time Template:

- B. Motion to approve the Emergency Instructional Time Template for the 2021-2022 school year as presented for submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE).**

Flexible Instructional Day Plan:

- C. Motion to approve Flexible Instructional Day Plan as presented.**

MNSD Health & Safety Plan:

- D. Motion to approve the MNSD Health & Safety Plan effective June 23, 2021 through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.**

Administrative Trip:

- E. Motion to approve Gina Ross, Director of Pupil Services to attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Conference virtually on June 23-25, 2021. The cost of the conference is \$149.00. The total cost to the district is \$149.00.**

Athletic Trips:

- F. Motion to approve Chris Gicking, Athletic Director/Football Coach, to accompany the MNHS Football Team to Camp at Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pennsylvania on July 17-20, 2021. The cost of transportation is \$400.00. The cost of the camp is \$375.00 per student paid by the students. The total cost to the district is \$400.00.**
- G. Motion to approve Jake Olimpi, teacher/Band Director, to accompany the MNHS Marching Band to Camp Canadensis in Canadensis, Pennsylvania on August 26-30, 2021. The students will learn the field show drill, visuals and music. The cost of transportation is \$750.00. The cost of the camp is \$350.00 per student paid by the students. The total cost to the district is \$750.00.**
- H. Motion to approve Chris Gicking, Athletic Director/Football Coach, to accompany the MNHS Football Team to travel to Carey Stadium in Ocean City, New Jersey, on August 27, 2021 to participate in the 1st Annual Battle at the Beach. The cost of transportation is \$590.00. The total cost to the district is \$590.00.**

Club:

- I. Motion to approve the GSA (Gender & Sexuality Alliance), also known as Gay Straight Alliance Club at PHMS. The purpose of this club is to create a safe, welcoming and accepting school environment for all youth, regardless of gender identity or sexual orientation. The club advisor is Samantha Grimes-Scott.**

Donations:

- J. Motion to accept the Loomis PTO donation of \$720.00 to purchase 3 additional Blue Ribbon light-post banners (including all hardware) to add to the display in the Loomis bus loop. The banners will be hung by the Operations Department.**
- K. Motion to accept the MNHS Class of 1969 donation of an Autumn Blaze Maple tree at a cost of \$500.00. The tree will be planted by our grounds crew in the Fall on the high school grounds at a place to be determined. They will also be placing a personalized plaque at the base of the tree, MN Class of 1969.**
- L. Motion to accept a \$5,000.00 donation from Rafferty Subaru to Loomis Elementary School through the Adopt-A-Classroom program.**

Dual Enrollment

- M. Motion to approve 2021-2022 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for dual enrollment between Marple Newtown School District and Delaware County Community College.**

Athletic Trip:

- N. Motion to approve Kimberly Foster, MNHS Cheerleading Coach, to accompany the cheerleaders to Pine Forest Cheer Camp in Beach Lake, Pennsylvania on August 26-29, 2021. The cost of transportation is \$900.00 paid by the Boosters. The cost of the camp is \$295.00 per student athlete paid by the students. There is no cost to the district.**

Public Comment

A parent, who is also an Emergency Room physician, commented that he came to the meeting this evening to lobby against masks. After hearing the Health and Safety Plan for Summer 2021 and going forward, he thanked the Board and District for this welcoming news. He is concerned for the psychological impact this pandemic has taken on our children and the potential effects this will have on our children over the next several years. He thanked the District and Board for all their efforts to remain open and moving to the five-day school week.

A parent inquired about the Flexible Instructional Day Plan. Dr. Kane commented that this was a comprehensive plan approved by our School Board as a model for the continuation of the educational program if there is a temporary school closure. It includes the implementation of procedures to conduct school remotely until resumption of normal operations, the expectations required of both teachers and families for the successful continuation of student learning and family communication that address developmentally appropriate and meaningful student learning experiences.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rose Vannicola
Secretary
Teaching and Learning Department