

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**Curriculum & Technology Committee Meeting**

**Monday, September 12, 2022**

7:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room

Zoom Link: <https://spring-ford.zoom.us/j/93876936710>

**DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

Spring-Ford Area School district cultivates academic excellence, embraces inclusivity, fosters wellness and purposefully integrates technology and innovation.

**CALL TO ORDER 7:45 P.M.**

In attendance: Dr. Margaret Wright, Wendy Earle, Dr. Jennifer Motzer, Karen Weingarten (via Zoom), Dr. Kelly Murray, Robert Catalano, Catie Gardy, and Dr. Jen Rinehimer

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** no announcements

**I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**II. MINUTES (June 2022)** Minutes were accepted

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Technology**

1. Pick Up Patrol - Pilot

Mr. Catalano shared a product that would provide an opportunity for elementary schools to accept dismissal notes on an online platform. The plan would be to pilot the program at one elementary school before utilizing it in the others. Committee members asked Mr. Catalano to obtain some answers to questions and to bring the answers back next month for further discussion.

2. Temps to address staffing

Mr. Catalano shared that staffing has been hard to fill and would like to utilize an agency that has been used in the past to fill positions for the remainder of the year. He will work with Mr. Fink to review the budget and contract. The expectation is that the costs for temps would stay within the current budget.

**B. Curriculum**

1. Summer R.A.M.S. 2022

Mrs. Gardy provided information about parent/family satisfaction, overall usage of the digital platform that was used, and teacher/staff input. Plans for Summer R.A.M.S. 2024 will be forthcoming.

2. Band camp update

Dr. Rinehimer provided information about the band camp that took place over the summer. Students and families reported that this is something that should continue for next summer. Students developed their ensemble skills during the weeklong camp.

3. Summer PreKindergarten 2022

Mrs. Gardy provided an update on the Summer PreKindergarten program. Plans for next year were discussed. The committee asked that the Curriculum & Instruction department explore reinstating districtwide required Kindergarten screening.

4. Professional Development - opening days  
Mrs. Gardy gave an overview of the opening in-service days. Exact Path training, Music training, curriculum review, and essential content was discussed during the time that building administrators and district office administrators were able to work with the teachers. Teachers also spent time with grade level/department meetings to be prepared for the start of the school year.
5. ELD Department Chair  
Dr. Murray requested that a position of department chair be added for the ELD department. The position will be paid for from the curriculum budget. The job description and responsibilities were shared.
6. Civics Assessment 2022  
Mrs. Gardy shared the results for the Civics Assessment 2022 administration. This information is posted on the district website in the Curriculum & Instruction section. Dr. Murray will report this information to the Pennsylvania Department of Education as part of the requirements of Act 35 of 2018.
7. TLS Differentiated Instruction Strategy Toolkit  
Mrs. Gardy requested that the Teaching Learning Succeeding (TLS), LLC Differentiated Instruction Strategy Toolkit be renewed for teachers and administrators to support professional development. The committee asked Mrs. Gardy to find out if there is a way to determine the number of total log-ins for this toolkit.

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS** none

**V. ACTIONABLE ITEMS**

Two action items will appear on the September board meeting agendas. 1. ELD Department Chair contract and 2. Teaching Learning Succeeding (TLS), LLC Differentiated Instruction Strategy Toolkit

**VI. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING:** Next meeting Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**VII. BOARD COMMENT**

Mrs. Weingarten asked to return to the full day Kindergarten discussion.  
Dr. Motzer thanked the district staff for their work in preparation for the meeting.

**VIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD**

**IX. ADJOURNMENT** 9:17 P.M.