

Academic Affairs
Administration Building Board Room
Minutes

Wednesday, June 1, 2016

4:15 p.m.

In Attendance: Jan Wentz, Jennifer Evans, Timothy Tkach, Sean LeDonne, Jonathan Cleaver, Larry Stern, Gloria Bowman, David Krause

- I.) PVAAS Roster Verification Process
 - a.) Currently we are in good shape
 - 8 week process with each phase being 2 weeks
 - Few students who are either over claimed or under claimed
 - Mostly related to “shared” students (our district and another district)
 - b.) Lory and Tim are going in and regularly checking PVAAS to make sure we are on track and dates and percentages are accurate
 - c.) Jeni Evans does not have access to PVAAS
 - Tim will go into the PVAAS system and give access to Mrs. Evans
- II.) PAYS D & A Survey 2016
 - a.) Pa Area Youth Survey for Drug and Alcohol
 - b.) Completed, uses the school and state (averages and compares)
 - Below average with our numbers, we have seen a decline
 - Based on a three year period
 - Carbon Monroe uses the information
 - c.) We are no longer going to use Wyoming Valley Drug and Alcohol’s services
 - d.) We have added more days to our service with Carbon Monroe
 - K-12 program
 - K-12 SAP Teams
 - e.) Looking into the possibility of hiring a Social Worker for the District
 - A Social Worker would be able to help the District with relevant issues
 - Drug and Alcohol issues within the home
 - Helping younger students at an earlier age
 - They have better access to resources
 - Can navigate the social system with faster responses
 - Could be reimbursed with some of the hours coming from the Access Program
 - Provide various additional services
 - Help parents/guardians
 - f.) Social Worker could help with the Tardiness/Attendance problem within the District
 - We are currently looking into having Judge Matika come to the Fall Title I night to discuss Tardiness/Attendance
 - This issue ties in with a Social Worker and the services they can help to obtain
- III.) STEM Immersion Plan (July 12 & 13, 2016) Asset STEM Education
 - a.) Asset STEM Handouts
 - b.) K-12 whole approach

- c.) July 12 & 13, 2016
 - These dates will be about planning and looking at what we currently offer and where we want to add more classes
 - Looking into purchasing 2 more Zspace machines for the District
 - Possibly purchase another 3D Printer
- d.) STEM Coordinators
 - Melissa Volcskai
 - Charlie Bachert
 - Teacher coach?
- e.) 6,7, & 8 STEM as electives for students
- f.) SuccessMaker foundation and build from that point
- g.) Mr. Bond and Mr. Shea are already adding pieces of STEM to their current classrooms
- h.) Career exploration
 - Look at the business within our local area
 - What kind of employee will they be looking at in years to come
- IV.) Professional Development (Summer 2016/2017)
 - a.) June 1, 2016- Math Workshop
 - 34 Elementary Teachers
 - Great presentations
 - Very informative
 - All buildings collaborating
 - b.) June 13, 2016 SAP D&A Programs
 - c.) June 14, 2016 & July 19, 2016- ELA Curriculum Mapping
 - Cathy Enders conducting both sessions
 - One person from each building/grade level
 - d.) July 7, 2016 – Math curriculum Mapping
 - Benchmarking
 - Common Assessments
 - e.) August 30, 2016 – Introduction to Development of Writing Instruction, Grades K-5
 - Additional dates: October 10, 2016, November 16, 2016, January 18, 2017, & march 20, 2017
 - f.) LETRS Training: November 1, 2016, December1, 2016, & January 17, 2017
 - Another tool for classrooms
- V.) Good of the Order
 - a.) Policy 217
 - Dual enrollment over the summer
 - High school student requesting to graduate early
 - Policy 217 will be discussed more in future meetings

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 10, 2016 at 4:15 p.m. in the Administration Building