

**Academic Affairs
Minutes
Administration Building
Wednesday, February 1, 2017
4:15 p.m.**

In Attendance: Gloria Bowman, Mark McGalla, Larry Stern, Tim Tkach, Suzanne Howland, Sean LeDonne, Craig Reichl

- I.) PSSA & Keystone Testing Dates
 - a.) PSSA: ELA – April 3-7, 2017
Math – April 24-28, 2017
Science – May 1-5, 2017
Make-ups – May 8-12, 2017
 - b.) keystones: May 15-26, 2017, Algebra I, Biology, Literature
 - c.) Breakfast will be served to grades 3 & 4 during PSSA's
 - d.) Staff working on PSSA training
 - e.) End of Year Testing concerns and issues

- II.) PVAAS Roster Verification Process Dates
 - a.) LEA Review: May 3-12, 2017
 - b.) Teacher Verification Phase: May 13-26, 2017
 - c.) School Admin Verification Phase: May 28, 2017- June 9, 2017
 - Principals
 - d.) LEA Verification Phase: June 10-23, 2017
 - Lory & Tim

- III.) STEM Immersion Plan Update
 - a.) Next meeting date: March 20, 2017, 8:00 a.m. at the Administration Building
 - b.) Mrs. Bowman asked if the district has put any thought into a District STEM Coordinator Position
 - c.) HS Qzab – setting up a phone meeting with Kattan within the next few weeks
 - d.) Tim to talk to Melissa Volcskai about a potential STEM grant opportunity

- IV.) After School program
 - a.) Bus company using all of the buses so that kids do not get home too late
 - Very thankful, checking with Lauren to see if we can provide a lunch/snacks to them for appreciation

- V.) Scheduling Updates
 - a.) High School
 - Meeting held last week: not a lot of changes, went well
 - b.) Middle School

- Will continue with same process until building project is complete
- c.) Elementary
- Kindergarten registration : call has gone out, sign is up and the 2017-2018 registration process has started in InfoSnap
 - Already have registrations: EP – 6, FR – 11, SD- 12, MAH – 12
- VI.) Good of the Order
- a.) Penn State Summer Camps
- Tim will coordinate: possible camps – robotics, solar & Chemistry Kitchen
- b.) Bowmanstown Rod and Gun Grant
- We have ordered 35 microscopes for the middle school through the grant
- c.) Mr. Reichl brought up the idea of changing the History requirement
- Students have too many required courses and no flexibility for more vocational classes
 - Also, presented the possibility of make students take an online course as a requirement before they graduate
 - Asked if anyone would object to moving the top 10% banquet from the Franklin Fire Company to the High School cafeteria with food provided by Nutrition Group
 - Everyone agreed
- d.) Discussed looking into an Early Literature assessment with STAR for kindergarten
- e.) Looking into Surveying Guidance as to what tools they are using and what tools they would find useful for the future.
- Just ordered them the 2nd step kits
- f.) March 14, 15, 2017 & April 11, 2017 we will have the scheduling person here

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, April 5, 2017, 4:15 p.m.
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