

**Academic Affairs Meeting
Administration Building-Board
Minutes
April 5, 2017**

In Attendance: Sean LeDonne, Mark McGalla, Suzanne Howland, Jan Wentz, Gloria Bowman, Timothy Tkach, David Krause, Lauren Cortright, Lisa Failla, Christina Bueti

- I.) PVAAS Roster Verification Reminder
 - a.) LEA Preview Phase- May 3-12, 2017
 - b.) Teacher Verification Phase- May 13-26, 2017
 - c.) School Administrator Verification Phase- May 27-June 9, 2017
 - d.) LEA Verification Phase- June 10-23, 2017

- II.) Spanish curriculum and textbook presentation
 - a.) Enrollment in Spanish classes is on the rise
 - b.) 2017-18 school year
 - Level 3 – 28 kids enrolled
 - Level 4 – approx. 9 kids enrolled
 - c.) 8th grade program
 - Each class has 25 kids
 - d.) Full immersion class- only speaking in Spanish
 - e.) Current book was published in 1994 and is not relevant to students
 - f.) New book has digital access and an App for devices which students can talk into and check pronunciations
 - g.) Mr. Reichl has two quotes
 - One quote is for books for all classrooms with App and Digital access
 - One quote is for a classroom of books, App and Digital access
 - h.) Digital access is transferable between semesters

- III.) MU Alpha Theta (HS Mathematics Honor Society)
 - a.) Handout explaining costs and requirements
 - b.) Need to find out if there are any by-laws
 - c.) Check to see if other schools in the area are members

- IV.) High School happenings
 - a.) STEM- "SmartLab"
 - Will be going to DC on April 6, 2017
 - b.) College Scholars Program (LCCC)
 - Parent meeting being held at the high school, April 24, at 6:30 p.m.
 - Letters to parents have been sent out

- V.) STEM Immersion Plan Update
 - a.) Melissa Volcskai- update handout
 - b.) Looking into the DaVinci Center for summer professional development

- VI.) PSSA/Keystone Testing Updates
 - a.) Principals reported that the students are working very hard

- VII.) Scheduling Process – Mr. Michael Rettig

a.) Will be here April 11 & 12, 2017

VIII.) Kindergarten Transition Plan

a.) Looking into revising the registration process

- Instead of two separate weeks, one for registration and one for testing; have one week scheduled with evening hours. Register and test the same time.
- Do as much online as possible

b.) In addition to giving parents the “backpack kits” put some resources on the webpage for parents and students

c.) Discussed the possibility of having kindergarten camps

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 7, 2017, 4:15 p.m. in the Administration Building