

# CURRICULUM COUNCIL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

4:00PM-5:00PM Derry Township Board Room

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### *Roll Call*

**Present:** Stacy Winslow, Jackie Castleman, Laura Alexander, Erick Valentin, Kathy Sicher, Lindsey Schmidt, Jeffrey Smith, Donna Cronin, Lewis Shaw, Tricia Steiner

**Absent:** Dave Sweigert, Traci Landry, Lisa Sviben Miller, Peter Ebert, Renee Owens, David Yingst, Kimberly Dilger, Anna Gawel, Shari Taylor-Stuckey, Brendan Hensel, Derek Dietz, Nancy Kiscadden, Christine Hicks, Paula Soni

### **Attendance Updates:**

- Guerline Laurore. (Write-In at 09/11/2019 2:46 PM)
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## 1. Call To Order

### **Minutes**

The first Curriculum Council meeting for the year was called to order at 4:02 p.m. by Dr. Stacy Winslow.

## 2. Review of Summary Notes

## 3. Informational

### a. 2019-2020 Meeting Dates

### b. Full Day Kindergarten Update - Ms. Lindsey Schmidt

#### **Minutes**

Ms. Lindsey Schmidt presented to the Council an update on the full day kindergarten program. Ms. Schmidt encourage all to come into the ECC to visit and see what full day kindergarten is all about.

The cafeteria is running smoothly due to bringing on six new Cafe Aides.

#### Numbers:

We have 11 full time staff teachers and brought back one LTS from last year to accommodate the number of students. Currently we have 239 students and 12 classrooms. Our waiver for 1/2 day kindergarten currently only has one student enrolled.

First grade consists of 227 students.

This year we hired an additional special education teacher due with a focus on building an emotional support program. This was due to incoming students last year with emotional regulation as well as behavior needs that have continued to pop up and our numbers coming in from early intervention which were higher this year than previous years.

#### Focus this year:

All kindergarten teachers this summer attended the "Art of Recycling" in Ephrata. This center teaches how to turn what we think as trash into "play" curriculum. (pipe cleaners, tops of bottles, scarves, Legos, clay, etc.). During "Play" the student create items that are then discussed later in the day with the class.

Dr. Winslow mention the two workshops we offered this year on Executive Functioning. This training was for the early childhood teachers and we realized how important this workshop was that we are offering Executive Functioning at our 2019 Conference this year. Children without executive functioning have two time periods now and then, they need to plan and use time management for everyday projects. Dr. Nell returned to teach "Play" to first grade teachers. Dr. Nell taught our kindergarten teachers last year.

This year the focus for the Kindergarten team is working with the Math Coach to have a common

understanding of the early numeracy skills on how they can build those pieces into the day such as using a calendar, 35 -45 minutes of counting, weather, day/month, etc.

Open Court - first grade students scored higher than previous years. Last year 24% needed intensive intervention and this year it is at 16%. Classroom teachers are seeing there is a much deeper understanding of those kindergarten skills.

Whole Body listening - schoolwide way of using common language to support students as they move through the hallway, cafeteria, playground, etc.

### c. Summer Curriculum Work

Upcoming Course Revisions, Materials Information, etc:

- Elementary STEAM - presentation in October - course revision in November
- Secondary Sex Education - Materials evaluation/presentation in November

### [Rubicon Atlas Public Site](#)

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Attached you will find the curriculum work that has been done over the summer.

The link to Rubicon Atlas is public and available for you to preview. Click on the large Rubicon Icon and you can choose Browse.

Also, Dr. Winslow would like to bring in Janelle Hromyak to present on the ELD program in the near future.

We are having two "All Things Diversity" in DTSD. Dee Stalneckner will be presenting on The State of Poverty in the Hershey Community, and the second workshop will be Creating a Trans Inclusive Community in Hershey. We will be holding this in the High school auditorium. All workshops are available for teachers.

We are also offering nine Equity and Diversity Inquiry Study Group. We will be using materials from BARWE (Building Anti Racist White Educators).

Principals highlights:

Jackie Castleman: Great start to the new year! Shout out to our teachers. Last year we had our focus on becoming a K-5 Professional Learning committee, the teachers have continued their work they started last year and over the summer.

Erick Valentin: Bridge day was a fantastic event! Over 86% of new sixth grade students attended. Our web advisors rallied our teachers to what our student leaders will be doing next year. Focus is for kids to come in to school with no anxiety.

Jeff Smith: Fabulous opening, our link crew bridge day was great. We had 226 freshman show up on a non-school day to make connections, reduce anxiety, etc. Every 3-4 weeks we will be getting our students back with the link crew to reconnect.

### d. Curriculum Council Goals for 2019-20

#### 4. Items for Discussion

#### 5. New Business

#### 6. Old Business

#### 7. Public Comment

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Guerline Laurora a new parent to the district spoke about how happy she is to be a part of DTSD. They selected to live in Hershey due to the school district. She is looking forward to the initiatives taking place and that there is a focus and an interest on diversity and in breaking down barriers.

## 8. Next Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2019 at 4:00 pm

## 9. Adjournment

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A motion was made by Kathy Sicher to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 pm