

Saucon Valley School District
Academic and Personnel Committee
Minutes of January 26, 2022

Present were Academic and Personnel Committee Board Members: Dr. Pakzad, Cedric Dettmar, Susan Baxter. Also present were: Jaime Vlasaty, Board Member Shawn Welch, Board Member Mike Karabin, Tamara Gary, James Deegan, Amy Braxmeier, Katie Fisher, Dr. Nikolov, Amanda Holvek, Lara McCarthy

Meeting began at 5:02pm

Approve agenda motion by Pakzad, second by Dettmar
Approve minutes motion by Pakzad, second by Dettmar

Courtesy of the floor: None

Policy 006

Proposed that the Board Agenda is set by Superintendent and President/ Vice President and no longer proposed Superintendent and Board Secretary.

iPad Usage Presentation by Dr. Nikolov

Conversation about time spent on the applications in each grade level. There was discussion about applications with advertisements. It was also discussed about what the “right” time is for elementary students. A presentation regarding iPad usage will be moved to the next Board meeting to discuss (a) the reason we are now doing this (b) the amount of time- data- that we are spending (c) literacy of students with the iPads. Mrs. Baxter would like to discuss teaching handwriting. Questions regarding PSSA data were asked regarding the math decline in 4th grade and whether there are instructional and curricular issues.

Career Readiness Graduation Requirements

Discussion about Junior accelerated plan for timeline to meet guidelines
Career Evidence requirement by state and work based learning
Career strands (career awareness, career acquisition, retention and entrepreneurship)

Discussion regarding the usage of Naviance and the reporting information as well as the School Profile. Discussion of Industry Based- Work Experience.

High School Program of Studies

Discussion of increasing the number of credits and possibly increasing them in the future. Senior Privilege was also a discussion. Mrs. Baxter would like to revisit schedule and credits at a follow up A&P meeting.

Discussion of geometry and pre calc, length of course, needs to be moved to the next AP meeting. Discussion about micro/macro-economic added. Discussion about adding social sciences; political science instead of adding other electives. No additional courses were added to the POS.

New Business- None

Old Business- None

Citizen Inquiries and Comments: No visitors

Meeting adjourned at 8:28

Motion to adjourned Pakzad, second by Dettmar