

The Tredyffrin/Easttown Board of School Directors met in regular session at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn, PA, on the above date.

Members present: Dr. Yolanda Allen, Susan Audrain, Kenneth Hong, Dr. Roberta Hotinski, Todd Kantorczyk, Maryann Piccioni, Dr. Robert Singh, Sue Tiede and Rachel Weil

Student Representatives: Maggie Neary and Lucy Salata

Others in attendance:

Dr. Richard Gusick, Superintendent
Arthur J. McDonnell, Business Manager/Secretary
Richard Livergood, Assistant Business Manager
Ken Roos, Solicitor
Dr. Anthony Stevenson, Director of Human Resources
Dr. Chris Groppe, Director of Safety and Student Services
Nicole Roy, Director of Special Education
Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Learning
Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability
Dr. Mike Szymendera, Director of Educational Program
Dr. Kim Morris, Director of Equity and Public Programs
Dr. Andy Phillips, Principal, New Eagle
Dr. Amy Meisinger, Principal, Conestoga

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag

Reports from Student Representatives and Other Invited Speakers

Club Fair	PSATs	Homecoming
New Athletic Field	Fall Sports	

Student and Staff Highlights

New Eagle Elementary School Student Ambassadors Orient New Families to the Community
New Eagle Elementary School Students Demonstrate Outstanding Character
New Eagle Elementary School Second-Grade Student Raises Funds for Charity
New Eagle Elementary School Student Serves as Mentor in Kindergarten Classroom
T/E Middle School Musicians Excel at Music in the Parks
Conestoga High School Boys Tennis Team Wins State Championship
Conestoga High School Students Recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation

Announcement of Additional Agenda Items – None

Public Participation from District residents and District taxpayers regarding any announced Additional Agenda Items and Items on the Consent Agenda – None

Board Action Regarding Amendment of Agenda to Include Additional Agenda Items, from Section V – None

Consent Agenda

Approve Board and Board Committee Meeting Minutes

The Board of School Directors approved the minutes of the August 25, 2025 Regular School Board Meeting, May 6, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting, June 5, 2025 Finance Committee Meeting, May 13, 2025 Facilities Committee Meeting, and May 22, 2025 Education Committee Meeting.

Receive Financial Reports for July and August 2025

The Board of School Directors received and approved payment of current invoices and payroll as stated below:

FURTHER, that the Treasurer is authorized to pay current invoices and payroll from the General Fund not to exceed the amount of \$16,000,000.00 for the month of October.

FURTHER, that the Treasurer was authorized and therefore did pay invoices and payroll from the General Fund in the actual amount of \$7,821,755.88 for the month of June, \$4,534,553.79 for the month of July, and \$12,643,562.83 for the month of August.

Routine Personnel Actions**Resignations/Releases/Retirements**

The Board of School Directors approved the following resignations:

Kathryn Jones, general kitchen worker, Devon Elementary, resignation, effective 9/16/25

David Preston, Food & Nutrition Services Supervisor, TEAO, retirement, effective 9/15/25

Leave of Absence

The Board of School Directors approved the following leave of absence in accordance with policies 4200; 4220; 4600 and 4610:

Jessica Koschmeder, teacher, Valley Forge Middle, effective 1st semester sabbatical of the 2025-26 school year

Appointments

The Board of School Directors approved the following appointments and changes in position and/or location:

Corinne Casey, purchasing assistant A, TEAO, at an hourly rate of \$31.76, effective 10/14/25*

Jose Colon-Laird, custodian, Devon Elementary, at an hourly rate of \$22.80, effective 9/3/25*

Jackson Dusinberre, teacher, Long Term Substitute Teacher Contract, Valley Forge Middle, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$62,174, effective 9/30/25 to 1/26/26*

Megan Elder, teacher, Long Term Substitute Teacher Contract, Hillside Elementary, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$85,822, effective 9/9/25 to 1/26/26*

Damika Harris, change to Secretary AA, TEAO, at an hourly rate of \$33.72, effective 9/30/25

Lisa Hochstetler, teacher, change in assignment to (.5) FTE Beaumont Elementary, (.4) FTE Devon Elementary, (.1) New Eagle Elementary, effective 8/1/25

Inayah Johnson, secretary B, Conestoga High, at an hourly rate of \$29.57, effective 9/16/25*

Ixchele Ortiz-Cajigal, homebound, 504, IEP tutor, District, at an hourly rate of \$55.00, effective 8/20/25

Jacklyn Shragher, teacher, Temporary Professional Employee Contract, Devon Elementary, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$70,290, effective 10/1/25*

Gabrielle Vollum, payroll clerk AA, TEAO, at an hourly rate of \$33.52, effective 10/14/25*

Aliza Winneg, (.7) FTE Long Term Substitute Teacher Contract, Conestoga High, salary based and prorated on an annual salary of \$62,174, effective 9/15/25 to 1/26/26

* Employment contingent upon appropriate Personnel processing and State and Federal requirements.

Probationary Period Wage Adjustments

The Board of School Directors approved the following wage adjustments consistent with the collective bargaining agreement for the following employees who have completed the 90-day probationary period.

Yola Chavez, custodian, Hillside Elementary, effective 9/21/25

Kathleen McKay, custodian, Conestoga High, effective 9/14/25

Isaiah Nettles, custodian, Conestoga High, effective 9/21/25

Volunteer Report

That the Board of School Directors acknowledged with appreciation the contributions of the following school volunteers:

NEW EAGLE ELEMENTARY**PTO Representatives**

Rebecca Daly

Stacey Harbeson

Michele Hinken

Lauren Lentz

Julie Liberi	Gina MacNeill	Jeena Pereira	Micheline Taptich
Lauren Tiede	Katie Tzorfas		
PTO Committee			
Brooke Alstein	Anna Allegra	Mary-Catherine	Elissa Benedette
	Angus	Barrett	
Lindsay Brinkmann	Kelly Brower	Kate Carlson	Andrea Chowansky
Megan Costello	Casey Devlin	Katie Garayoa	Lauren Golden
Ruth Graziano	Elizabeth Griesser	Stacey Harbeson	Chelsea Harris
Nicole Highley	Alexandra Hindle	Beth Huertas	Kristen King
Kim Langton	Kathryn Leib	Lauren Lentz	Alyson Lotman
Sarah Luccaro	Kathleen Lukes	Zariella Moloney	Rachel Miller
Angela Monger	Amanda Neill	Cynthia Olster	Elizabeth Pepe
Erica Repucci	Amy Roberts	Christine Toto	Kristin Toto
Cheryl Tourish	Kristen VanDeBoe	Liz Verde	Kirsten Walton
Grade/Homeroom			
Coordinators			
Evan Benn	Jazmin Buchanan	Sarah Caffrey	Lindsey Carden
Kate Carlson	Andrea Chowansky	Jennifer Clerkin	Alison Diamond
Kate Ettingoff	Jocelyn Good	Elizabeth Greisser	Dana Hibbard
Alexandra Hindle	Michelle Larkin	Alex Malloy	Ashlee Milnes
Angelina Monger	Elizabeth Pepe	Bridget Phillips	Amy Roberts
Lindsay Van Wagner	Kirsten Walton	Christine Yelovich	
Library			
Annie Baker	Monica Baribault	Mary-Catherine	Elissa Benedette
		Barrett	
Stephanie Blaney	Lindsay Brinkmann	Julie Burge	Sarah Caffrey
Kristi DeStefano	Kate Ettingoff	Catherine Flaherty	Laura Grilley
Jocelyn Good	Alex Hindle	Beth Huertas	Elizabeth Landers
Thuy Van Le	Kelly Loscalzo	Sharelle Low	Sarah Luccaro
Brittany McCabe	Mirna Mejia	Rachel Miller	Ashlee Milnes
Amber Nathanson	Caitlin O'Donovan	Elizabeth Pepe	Archana
			Ramachandra
Amy Roberts	Anne Roytman	Sara Serbun	Cara Sexton
Meg Shurak	Monica Smith	Julia Sturniolo	Kristin Toto
Nicole Tuohey	Brooke Weaver	Qiang Yang	Caimei Zhang
Giving Garden			
Evan Benn	Marta Charpentier	Jocelyn Good	Elizabeth Griesser
Kelly Loscalzo	Nidhi Naik	Kangfeng Qu	Sara Serbun
Debbie Valsan			
First Grade Lunch			
Mary-Catherine Barrett	Kelly Brower	Lindsey Carden	Cassie Carlile
Casey Connelly	Marissa D'Agostini	Lauren Dougherty	Lisa Eppolito
Siu Lien Fung	Katie Garayoa	Jamie Koch	Elizabeth Landers
Kim Langton	Jessica Liva	Katie Ly	Meghan McArdle
Megan McQuail	Ashlee Milnes	Amber Nathanson	Elizabeth Pepe

Bridget Phillips	Julia Sturniolo	Lindsay Tavantzis	Lindsay Van Wagner
Yun Ya Zhang			
Ice Cream Social Volunteers			
Allegra Angus	Annie Baker	Maggie Baker	Mikey Baker
Mary-Catherine Barrett	Ryan Caffrey	Cassie Carlile	Miryam DeLuca
Elizabeth Griesser	Emily Haines-LaPenta	Lauren High	Beth Huertas
Kristen King	Kim Langton	Xiao Li	Gina MacNeill
Zariella Moloney	Elizabeth Pepe	Jeena Pereira	Meg Shurak
Jon Tang	Christine Yelovich		
Health Screening			
Catherine Baldry	Monica Baribault	Mary-Catherine Barrett	Stephanie Blaney
Tiberias Bobo	Kate Carlson	Kristin Connell	Marissa D'Agostini
Mari De La Puente	Cara Foran	Jessica Forcine	Maria Kronymak
Michelle Larkin	Lei Li	Michelle McCoy	Jessica McLaughlin
Nidhi Naik	Amber Nathanson	Bridget Phillips	Brittany Rosenbaum
Shantell Scott	Sara Serbun	Lauren Tiede	Kristin Toto
Purdy Tran Bailer	Thuy Van Le	Kirsten Walton	Bei Wang
Kelly Wolfington	Christine Yelovich	Katie Scott Yoder	
CONESTOGA HIGH			
Main Office			
Susan Canas	Anaid Calvitti	Beth Fogarty	Amanda Ivory
Christine Jones	Kate Miller	Autumn O'Reilly	Kristi Phipps
Leah Raup	Niki Salata	Lindsey Weber	
Gym Shirt Sale			
Lucy Bennett	Amy Cava	Sherry Han	Connie Lai
Beth Lee	Amanda Neill	Becky Ormsbee	Kristi Phipps
Niki Salata	Bin Wu	Liuyan Zhang	
Health Screenings			
Lucy Bennett	Tricia Brader	Amy Cava	Mita Chatterjee
Elena Chernousova	Tara Donnelly	Debbie Euler	Sherry Han
Jonathan Howells	Amanda Ivory	Tara Cooney Kelly	Christin King
Connie Lai	Raquel Murphy	Kelly Myers	Patty Neeb
Salini Rao Pamidimukkala	Ashka Pandya	Leah Raup	Ayddin Reisi
Rachel Ryan	Niki Salata	Rubina Samreen	Amanda Miller Shinal
Del Smith	Jennifer Smith	Maryann Staszak	Neha Talwar
Kathryn Tucker	Cara Wiechecki	Amanda Wollick	Shweta Yadav
Sravani Zangam	Liuyan Zhang		
Welcoming Committee			
Maura Redmond	Karen Zamperini		

Athletic & Non-Athletic Position Recommendations for the 2025-26 School Year

The Board of School Directors confirmed the administrative recommendations for the athletic & non-athletic positions for the 2025-26 school year at the stipends set forth in the following list:

Athletic					
School	Type Coach/Sport	Employee	Step	Stipend	
VFMS	Asst. /Football – JV .5	Jeffrey Eickoff	1	\$1,742.50	
Non-Athletic					
School	Activity	Employee	Step	Stipend	
TEMS	Art Club	Khara Flint	1	\$4,000.00	
TEMS	Jazz Band #2	William Seaton	2	\$3,000.00	
TEMS	Public Relations Manager	Keith Nunnelee	2	\$650.00	Adjusted
TEMS	Public Relations Manager	Richard Mattison	2	\$650.00	
TEMS	SLAM 1	James Boukalik	1	\$1,250.00	
TEMS	SLAM 2	Kathryn Oxenfeldt	1	\$1,250.00	
TEMS	SLAM 3	David Hardy	1	\$1,250.00	
TEMS	Stage Manager #1	William Seaton	2	\$1,625.00	
NEES	Testing Coordinator	Lindsey Klotz-Sofranko	1	\$500.00	
NEES	Testing Coordinator	Marie McGuire	1	\$500.00	

Contracted Services for the 2025-26 School Year

The Board of School Directors approved the following vendors to provide services during the 2024-25 school year:

Contractor	Description of Work	Rate
Carla Kline	Spanish Interpreter	Rate adjustments: In person \$60 per hour plus \$30 travel round trip; \$15 per 15 minutes beyond 2 hours Virtual \$60 per hour; \$15 per 15 minutes beyond 2 hours

Dual Enrollment Agreement with Gwynedd Mercy University

The Board of School Directors approved the dual enrollment agreement with Gwynedd Mercy University to be implemented beginning with the 2025-26 school year.

Additional 2025 Classroom and Supplemental Textbook List

The Board of School Directors approved the additional 2025 Classroom and Supplemental Textbook List.

Additional 2025 Summer Workshop and Participants

The Board of School Directors approved the following additional workshops and participants at a rate of \$40 per hour in accordance with School Board Policy #4505 and the negotiated agreement:

STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

ASA Advisor Planning**Date:** July 30**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Nicole Jolly**Participant:** Stephanie Matula

The participant will plan the calendar for the 2025–26 school year. This involves researching a variety of cultural events and holidays and thoughtfully considering the most appropriate times to recognize and celebrate them. The goal is to create a meaningful and inclusive schedule that reflects the diversity of our community.

Black Student Union Advisors' Retreat**Dates:** August 1**Time:** 9:00am – 2:00pm**Director:** Dr. Nicole Jolly**Participants:** Ryan Howard and Ronald Toole

Participants will review the membership list and homeroom list, review BSU events and dates and draft academic, civic, and social calendar, discuss plan for communication with union and families, discuss plan for Elementary School and Middle School Activities, plan for club contact information-release form, parent letter, club email, identify and establish partnerships with local community (NAACP Mainline, Villanova University, etc.)

High School Navigate Program**Date:** July 9**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Nicole Jolly**Participants:** Danielle Yucis and Justin Beasley-Turner

Participants will plan the 2025-26 Navigate schedule and programming for the upcoming school year. Topics include college campus visits, HBCU fairs, welcome breakfast, standardized testing presentation, scholarship presentation, programming for Fall college application workshop on PSAT day and summer opportunities workshop with the goal of increasing college readiness and academic motivation and success.

Change Orders

The Board of School Directors approved the following change orders:

Bear Hill Elementary School:		
MCA-001	Five Star Inc.	(\$3,635.47)
PCA-001	Jay R. Reynolds, Inc.	(\$4,166.00)
Bid Package #1 – 2025 HVAC Renovations and Upgrades at BES, NEES, TEMS and CHS:		
GC-02	Donald E. Reisinger, Inc.	\$3,553.06
Bid Package #2 – 2025 Interior/Exterior Renovations and Upgrades at BES, DES, HES, NEES, TEMS and CHS:		
GC-003	S.B. Conrad, Inc.	\$3,245.00
EC-004	Schipsi Electric LLC	\$10,233.62

PC-001	Hirschberg Mechanical	\$1,587.00
PC-002	Hirschberg Mechanical	\$6,334.20
PC-003	Hirschberg Mechanical	\$5,060.00
PC-004	Hirschberg Mechanical	\$6,261.75
Conestoga Athletic Fields Project:		
EC-001	G.A. Vietri, Inc.	\$48,259.33
GC-002	B. Blair Corporation	\$134,356.40
GC-003	B. Blair Corporation	\$8,021.25
GC-004	B. Blair Corporation	\$2,523.00

Amendment to the Administrative Service Agreement with QCC Insurance Company

The Board of School Directors approved the amendment to the agreement in the form presented between QCC Insurance Company and Tredyffrin/Easttown School District for the contract year period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

Acceptance of Gift

The Board of School Directors accepted with pleasure and appreciation the following donation:

Nine trees donated by Anne Ikeda to the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District valued at \$8,000.

A thank you note will be sent to the above by the Secretary to the Board.

Agreement with Sheraton Valley Forge King of Prussia

The Board of School Directors approved the agreement between Sheraton Valley Forge King of Prussia and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District for the 2027 junior prom on May 22, 2027 at a cost not to exceed \$37,612.50.

Agreements with YMCA of Greater Brandywine

The Board of School Directors approved the agreements between YMCA of Greater Brandywine and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District for use of their swimming facilities for practice and swim meets for the Conestoga High School swim team at an amount not to exceed \$24,684 for practice and \$4,856 for swim meets.

Educational Services Agreements

The Board of School Directors approved an Educational Services Agreement for a District student with special needs. This agreement covers reimbursement for educational services for the Extended School Year 2025, at a total cost not to exceed \$1,500.

The Board of School Directors approved an Educational Services Agreement for a District student with special needs. This agreement covers reimbursement for educational services for the 2025-26 and 2026-27 school years, at a total cost not to exceed \$110,000.

The Board of School Directors approved an Educational Services Agreement for a District student with special needs. This agreement covers reimbursement for educational services for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, at a total cost not to exceed \$50,000.

Amendment to the Agreement with The Stepping Stones Group

The Board of School Directors approved the amendment to the agreement between The Stepping Stones Group and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District originally Board approved on July 10, 2025 to provide healthcare and aide services to District students for the 2025-26 school year.

Agreement with Woodhaven Recovery LLC

The Board of School Directors approved the agreement between Woodhaven Recovery LLC and the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District to provide educational services to a District student for the 2025-26 school year.

Contracted Bus Drivers for the 2025-26 School Year

the Board of School Directors approved the following list of contracted bus drivers for the 2025-26 school year.

On The Go Kids		Krapf	
Sarah Aberts	Turquoise Martinez	Beatriz Alvarez	Stanley Killian
David Aigeldinger	Laurie Micken	Kiyah Baynard	Deborah Knight
Angel Asencio	Matt Micken	Leslie Bertucci	Andrea Kollias
John Ashok	Phil Micken	Angela Black	Wenxin Li
Mary Banks	Nick Miele	Haven Black	Michael Mathis
Marsha Book	Francis Milligan	Eli Brandschain	Kristal McNight
Nancy Buckley	David Mooney	Brian Brown	Robert McKnight
Dave Busza	Donna-Lee Morrison	Marie Cantwell	Susan Medaglia
Will Carter	Anita Moser	Michael Corley	Greg Moore
Joseph Cirillo	Brian Myers	Donal Cornish	Dawn Norris
Charlie Copeland	John Newswanger	Joanne Cruz	Christine Orgil
Larry Cornell	Michael Parrent	Italo Devecchis	Karl Peters
Scott Dadey	Yvonne Perry	Thomas Dolan	Edward Poppert
Heather Dattilo	Trisha Posey	Vanessa Dugan	Howard Redling
Chris De Groot	Greg Puriefoy	Lawrence Dunlap Jr.	Rodney Reid
Steve Dilworth	Dolores Jackson	Lawrence Dunlap Sr.	Alyssa Rosa
Rich Doan	Randall	Mark Eadie	Birchard Rutherford
	Dominick		
	Scatamacchia		
Dana Donovan	James Shepherd	William Ellis	Kadeeja Short
Susan Duncan	Liza Stanley	Patrick Gannon	Nicholas Tacconelli
Jesse Elks	Vicki Tencer	Michael Gatlos	Susie Taylor
Jenn Estrada	Cindy Urzillo	Lloyd Gilbert	Erika Vargas
Kayla Evans	Cheryl Voglesong	Crystal Gomez	Melissa Cain-Walthers
Tim Fulginiti	Tina Walddrop	Dianna Grady	Niyoki Westmoreland
Kacie Furlong	David Williamson	Rodney Hendry	Gistav Widmann
Ashley Hefner	Scott Woodward	Cathy Herman	Daniel Williams
Carla Hubbard	Mario Wootson	Helen Hiller	Ethan Williams
Edwin Hyden	Penny Wray	Renard Howell	Jeffrey Williams
Anthony Kripp		Latroya Isijola	Vanessa Williams
Darlene Locust		Peggy Jackson	Brittany Wise
Michelle Mack		Henry Johnson	Geoff Yu
Crystal Mann		William Johnson	
Rodrigo Martinez		Roger Kalinge	

Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) Leadership Ballot PSBA Insurance Trust Board Ballot

The Board of School Directors casts a vote in the Pennsylvania School Board Association Leadership Election in support of the following candidates;

Holly Arnold (2026 President-Elect) (one-year term) Tunkhannock Area School District

Matt Vannoy (2026 Vice President) (one-year term) Sharon City School District

Taslym Morales (2026 Section E-4 Advisor) (one-year term) Chester Upland School District

The Board of School Directors cast a vote in the Pennsylvania School Board Association Insurance Trustees:

Nathan G. Mains, Richard Frerichs, William S. LaCoff (Trustee) (term ends December 31, 2027 (three-year term))

The Board of School Directors cast a vote in the Pennsylvania School Board Association School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee: (term ends December 31, 2026/two-year term):

Kathy K. Swope

Roberta M. Marcus

*Any slated candidate that demonstrated exceptional leadership at the local and state level shall be considered for "endorsement" by the Nominating Committee and the determination shall be noted on the slate of candidates (PSBA bylaws, Section 300-Policy 303).

Susan Audrain moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the Consent Agenda.

The motion passed 9-0.

Priority Discussion/Action – None

Committee and Ambassador Reports

Policy – Susan Audrain

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on October 8, 2024, in the TEAO.

Diversity – Dr. Robert Singh

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on October 16, 2024, in the TEAO.

Finance – Dr. Roberta Hotinski

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on October 7, 2024, in the TEAO.

Facilities – Dr. Robert Singh

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on October 15, 2024, in the TEAO.

Education – Sue Tiede

The next meeting will be held at 7:00pm on October 10, 2024, in the TEAO.

Ad Hoc Legislative – Maryann Piccioni

Ad Hoc Public Information Committee – Dr. Yolanda Allen

Intermediate Unit/Technical School – Maryann Piccioni

Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee – Dr. Roberta Hotinski

Other Actions Under Consideration

Policy Recommended for First Reading

The Board of School Directors approved the following policy, on a first reading basis, as ready for adoption at the next regular meeting:

Policy 5411: Tobacco Products: Possession and Use (Students)

Questions from the Board – None

Public Participation from District residents and District taxpayers – None

Board Discussion/Deliberation/Action – None

Rachel Weil moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the above policy on a first reading basis.

The motion passed 9-0.

Regulation Recommended for Approval

The Board of School Directors approved the following revised regulation:

Regulation 9331: Review of School Board Policies

Questions from the Board – None

Public Participation from District residents and District taxpayers – None

Board Discussion/Deliberation/Action – None

Maryann Piccioni moved, then the motion was seconded, that the Board of School Directors approve the above regulation.

The motion passed 9-0.

Public Participation from District residents and District taxpayers regarding any non-agenda matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board.

Cindy Verguldi commented on TEMS Auditorium, Homecoming, and Crossing Guards.

Information

School Board Meetings

In accordance with Act 93 of 1998 (Sunshine Law), the Board of School Directors met on the following dates/times in executive session to discuss items in one or more of the following areas: personnel, litigation, legal matters, confidential information, labor relations, real estate, or land acquisition.

Ken Roos, Solicitor for the District, stated that the Board of School Directors met in Executive Session on September 29, 2025 at 6 pm to discuss confidential personnel matters.

Future School Board Meetings

Monday, October 27, 2025, Regular Board Meeting - 7:30pm, at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn, PA 19312.

Monday, November 24, 2025, Regular Board Meeting - 7:30pm, at Conestoga High School, 200 Irish Road, Berwyn, PA 19312.

2025 Summer Workshop Summaries

Below are summary reports for workshops that were conducted this summer to enhance the educational program and to meet strategic plan initiatives.

2025 SUMMER WORKSHOP SUMMARIES

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2025 SUMMER WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

ART

MS Art Extension Curriculum Writing

Dates: August 8, 9, 12 & 13

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris

Participants: Khara Flint, Vicki Turner, Patrick Humbert, Virginia Weaver, Courtney Jagers and Beata Artz

Middle school art teachers worked on developing extension lessons for the new extension opportunities that will be available for students in art.

CURRICULUM

Revision of the Teacher Model

Date: July 22

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Wendy Towle

Participants: Gordon Davis and Carolyn Silverman

Working with administrative members of the Staff Development Advisory Committee, participants continued the work begun during the 2024-25 school year focused on reviewing and revising the TESD Teacher Model.

Elementary Work Group

Date: July 16

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Wendy Towle

Participants: Kevin Herlihy and Kati Hedenberg

Participants continued the work begun during the 2024-25 school year focused on developing a "playbook" of effective strategies for supporting students and colleagues at the elementary level.

Curricular Inquiry Framework

Date: July 30

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Wendy Towle

Participants: Melissa Pacitti, Gina Fredericks, Melissa Johnson, Kathleen Wilson and DeVita Jones

Participants had the opportunity to engage in a learning experience that helped them to understand more deeply how the curricular inquiry framework can support instructional design and implementation.

Dispositions for Inclusive Instruction

Date: July 21

Time: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Director: Dr. Wendy Towle

Participants: Christine Gyza, David Hyett, Victoria Vlahos, Megan Wolf, Robyn Michael, Samantha Johnson, John Koenig, Angela Janda, Megan Kissinger, Elizabeth Adams, Erika Lucas, Asher Rhodes, Katie Oxenfeldt, Elizabeth Chapman, Alessandra Wynne, Rick Mattison, Nicole Zakorchemny and DeVita Jones

Participants had the opportunity to participate in the full-day workshop designed to provide greater understanding of the District's Dispositions for Inclusive Instruction.

Elementary Lesson Development

Dates: August 4 & 6

Time: 5 hours each day

Director: Dr. Wendy Towle

Participants: Keri Phillips, Porsche Davis-Taylor, Esther Chi, Victoria Kirby, Megan Kissinger, Kati Hedenberg, Erika Lucas, Christopher Brown, DeVita Jones and Katie Oxenfeldt

Participants worked to develop a framework for teachers and students aligned with principles of belonging,

resiliency, and social emotional learning that can be used as a tool for instruction and conversation. Focused on the elementary level, discussions also occurred about the usefulness of this resource for middle and high school levels.

Curriculum Development of New Sports Journalism Course**Date: August 13****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris****Participant: Alison Ferriola**

Participant created a curriculum outline, syllabus, and project-based learning activities that incorporate the technology in the Conestoga TV Studio and remote broadcasting system for the new CHS Sports Broadcast Journalism class.

College and Career Transition**Date: August 8****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Mark Cataldi****Participant: Danielle Sculley-Ellett**

The College and Career Transition course was implemented in the 2018-2019 school year. Last school year, the revised high school schedule provided an increase in the number of CCT class sessions per semester, so additional lessons were implemented. As part of an ongoing practice to examine curriculum, the CCT teacher reviewed and revised lessons plans and identified new resources to support instruction and student learning.

ENGLISH / LANGUAGE ARTS

Wonders Grades K-4**Dates: July 8 & 9 (dates varied by grade level)****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Patrick Gately****Participants: Emily Arnot, Eugene Billet, Emily Bogan, Kirsten Firestine, Donna Greene, Laura Hobbins, Angela Janda, Cheryl Massino, Heather O'Connor, Misty Pennewill, Hayley Rodgers, Susan Schoenberg, Tracy Simmington and Alison Troy**

Elementary teachers continued to modify Wonders unit assessments for grades K-4 alongside a review of pacing guide alignment.

Elementary Reading Specialist**Dates: July 25 & August 4 (dates varied by Reading Specialist)****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Patrick Gately****Participants: Eugene Billet, Kirsten Firestine, Laura Hobbins, Hayley Rodgers, Tia Schwab, Alison Ruth, Christie Keown and Lindsey Klotz-Sofranko**

Elementary school reading specialists researched and updated resources used in elementary reading support.

ELA PSSA Data Analysis**Dates: August 12 & 13****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Patrick Gately****Participants: James Boukalik and Kevin Ruggeri**

Teachers organized and analyzed 2025 PSSA ELA data to note trends and areas of student strength and development in grades 3-8.

Comparative Literature: Masks Course Development**Dates: July 15 & 21****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm**

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participant: Mike Trainer

High school English teacher wrote the curriculum scope and sequence for the new course.

Middle School Reading Specialist

Dates: July 16 & August 13

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participants: Anne Busciacco, Mary Nagle, Melinda Sterenczak, Jackie Thomas, Victoria Vlahos and Kathleen Wilson

Middle school reading specialists researched and updated resources used in middle school reading support and intervention to adjust to the new middle school schedule.

Critical Reading Inventory Training

Dates: July 11, 18 & August 19 (dates varied by Reading Specialist)

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participants: Lindsey Klotz-Sofranko, Tia Schwab, Christie Keown, Kathleen Wilson, Melinda Sterenczak, Alison Ruth, Tina Sienkiewicz and Amanda Wieler

New reading specialists received training in the administration and report-writing of the Critical Reading Inventory.

AP Seminar Curriculum Development

Dates: August 4 & 5

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participants: John Koenig, Kathleen Wilson and Claire Arbogast

Teachers continued to develop and modify learning units and assessments for the AP Seminar Course.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

Elementary ELD Curriculum Development

Dates: July 14, 15, & 22

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participants: Kerry Bryan, Elizabeth Chapman, Cheryl Hutchinson, Amy Torres, Eileen Phillips and Kelly Hess

Elementary English Language Development (ELD) teachers reviewed the ACCESS scores for 2025 and determined placement for students. Teachers reviewed and revised the ELD curriculum for our English Learners.

Secondary ELD Curriculum Development

Dates: July 30 & 31

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participants: Coryell Henry, Sarah Taylor, Ana White and Mansi Kapadia

Secondary English Language Development (ELD) teachers reviewed the ACCESS scores for 2025 and determined placement for students. Teachers reviewed and revised the ELD curriculum for our English Learners.

EQUITY

Elementary E-Team Goal Development and Planning Session

Date: July 23 and August 6

Time: 11:00pm - 4:00pm

Director: Dr. Oscar Torres

Participants: Kristin Diamond, Victoria Kirby, Kathleen Wylonis, Megan Wolf, Mary Jo McQuate, Megan Kissinger, Robyn Michael, Samantha Johnson, Keri Phillips and Elizabeth Chapman

Elementary school E-Team members met to develop goals for the 2025-26 school year. A focus on enhancing a culture of belonging for all students and staff guided the work.

Elementary, Middle, and CHS E-Team Goal Development and Planning Session

Dates: July 22 & 23

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Oscar Torres

Participants: Valerie Cunningham, Danielle Yucis, Nicole Zakorchemny, Brooke Hauer, Asher Rhodes Marquis Weeks, Victoria Vlahos, Katie Oxenfeldt, Sheila Hayes and Kristin Diamond

E-Team members met to develop goals for the 2025-26 school year. A focus on enhancing a culture of belonging for all students and staff guided the work.

Middle School SLAM! Moderator Workshop

Date: August 18

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Oscar Torres

Participants: James Boukalik, Angela Timmins and Katie Oxenfeldt

Middle School SLAM! moderators met to develop opportunities for students interested in participating in the SLAM! program. Moderators developed sessions led by our staff for students in SLAM! Participants also identified a schedule for intersession workshops with students throughout the school year.

High School SLAM! Moderator Workshop

Date: August 18

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Oscar Torres

Participants: Esther Chi and Valerie Cunningham

Moderators met to develop opportunities for students interested in participating in the SLAM! program. Moderators also developed sessions developed by our staff for students in SLAM! Participants also identified a schedule for intersession workshops with students throughout the school year.

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

New Course Development

Date: August 13 & 14

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Patrick Gately

Participant: Michele McMonagle

The high school Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) teacher wrote the proposal and drafted the curriculum scope and sequence for a proposed course.

GIFTED SUPPORT

Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners

Dates: August 5 & 7

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Irene Clemmer and Kristen Connelly

New secondary gifted support teachers were trained in state regulations and District practices surrounding the identification and education of gifted students. Protocols for conducting GIEP meetings and for communicating with students, teachers, administrators and families about gifted student needs were reviewed. Participants examined the full continuum of services available to meet the needs of gifted learners. Those new to gifted support reviewed forms and processes to guide and document the

academic enrichment of gifted learners in T/E, and they learned to use PowerSchool GIEP-writing software.

Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners - Math Enrichment**Dates:** July 25 & 31**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. John Mull**Participants:** Peter DePiano, Lisa Stehouwer, and Kristen Connelly

Participants reviewed supplemental materials and designed enrichment activities to accompany Middle School Geometry and Algebra 2 courses. Teachers also designed instructional opportunities in mathematical problem-solving for gifted learners that extend beyond the traditional sequence of secondary math courses.

Meeting the Needs of Gifted Learners - Middle School Humanities**Dates:** July 8 & 9, August 11, 12 & 17**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. John Mull**Participants:** Irene Clemmer, Gabija Fischer, and Kristen Connelly

Participants developed curriculum guides for three new interdisciplinary modules associated with Grades 7 & 8 Humanities. Teachers produced an overview of each module and accompanying lesson activities to support gifted learners through STEM, Modern Media, and Global Studies.

HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Middle School Health/PE Curriculum**Dates:** August 5, 6, 12 & 13**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Patrick Gately**Participants:** Robert Bush, Erika Himes, Taylor DeBernardi, Lauren Millison, Jess Smolij, Billy Hill, Kevin Hacker, Pat Ryan and Kim Ryan

Middle school HPE teachers collaborated to write the curriculum scope and sequence for middle school PE/Wellness and Health courses to align with the new middle school schedule.

High School Health**Date:** August 11**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Patrick Gately**Participants:** John Jones and Jillian Harris

High school health teachers revised the 9th grade Health curriculum to include necessary updates.

MATH

Grades 2-5 Math - Preparing for Benchmark Assessments**Dates:** July 29 and August 4**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. John Mull**Participants:** Katie Holmes, Melissa Johnson, Angela Kim, Stephanie Knox, Linda Krause, Emily Lacon, Lisa McIntyre, Colleen O'Hara, Olya Pearson, Kathleen Plunkett, and Erika Lucas

During this workshop, 2nd through 5th grade teachers new to the iReady Math Diagnostic participated in Professional Development activities associated with new Benchmark Assessments. Teachers learned how to administer benchmark assessments and how to use available materials to design station activities that support ongoing student growth in mathematics.

Elementary Math Support**Date:** August 11

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Linda Krause, Marie McGuire, Lisa McInyre, Matt Parker, and Kathleen Plunkett

Participants met to review supplemental resources, plan for gradewide benchmark assessments in grades 1-4, and they developed interventions to support student achievement.

Middle School Math Support

Dates: July 15, 29 & 31 and August 14

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Stephanie Knox, Emily Lacon and Kristen Connelly

Participants reviewed student data and supplemental resources and developed planned interventions to support student achievement in grades 5-8 through the new Advisory Math program.

Middle School Math PLUS Pathway Curriculum Development

Dates: July 7 & 8, August 11 & 13

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Brian Breaser, Brianna Dayton, Michelle Mattioni, Jacqueline Patek, and Kelley Peck

Participants reviewed new primary curriculum resources, designed activities, and developed curriculum guides to accompany the new Math 7 PLUS course at the middle level. Math 6 PLUS teachers reflected on the first year of implementation and revised materials as needed.

Middle School Math 6-8 Curriculum Development

Dates: July 7, 9 & 23 and August 4

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Susan Crocker, Karen Fletcher, Julia Guzman, Katie Holmes, Emily Lacon, Michelle Mattioni, Kelley Peck, and Kristen Wright

Teachers of Above Math 5 and On Math 6 attended training sessions, created a new course Scope & Sequence and designed lesson activities for implementation of the new iReady Classroom Math resource in 2025-26.

Math PSSA and Keystone Algebra

Dates: August 1, 7 & 12

Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Lisa Stehouwer, Allison Long, Colleen McFadden, Kim Phillips, Heather Zezzo and Matt Parker

Math teachers reviewed preliminary 2025 PSSA Math and Keystone Algebra score reports and organized data so results can be further analyzed by full teams.

CHS Data Science

Dates: August 14 & 15

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Travis Hartley, Allison Long, Karen McCraw, Edward Sharick, Gabriel Walsh-Shore and Allison Youndt

Participants explored the emerging topic of Data Science, reviewed potential resources and identified next steps to consider developing a new Data Science elective course at CHS.

CHS Pre-Algebra and Algebra Academic

Date: August 1

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. John Mull

Participants: Rebecca Aichele, Heather Bailey and Heather Zezzo

Participants reviewed student performance from the CHS Pre-Algebra (2002) and Algebra I Academic (2092) courses and collaborated to support smooth transitions for students between these courses. Supplemental resources were reviewed to support student progress and preparation for Algebra and beyond.

CHS Multivariable Calculus**Dates: August 7 & 12****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. John Mull****Participant: Karen Mull**

The teacher designed activities to support student achievement in Multivariable Calculus and revised the CHS Multivariable Calculus curriculum document as needed.

MUSIC

Middle School Music - Curriculum Guides and Extension Activities**Dates: August 5, 7, 12, 14 & 15****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. John Mull****Participants: Craig Gonci, Benjamin Green, Christine Gyza, William Seaton and Michael Stefano**

Participants revised Grades 5-8 Music curriculum documents and activities to support the new middle school schedule for 2025-26. Teachers designed activities for each grade level's optional Music Extension opportunities.

ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Organic Chemistry Curriculum Development**Dates: 2 days for each participant****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris****Participants: Amy Alvarez and Derrick Wood**

Teachers developed a new unit on medicinal chemistry and reviewed the current curriculum to make necessary adjustments in response to needs that arose during the first year of the new hybrid schedule.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

New Elementary Science Standards**Dates: July 9, 10, 13, 17 & 22 and August 11, 14 & 15****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris****Participants: Donna Greene, Susan Schoenberg, Alex Thompson, Misty Pennewill, Heather O'Connor, Cheryl Massino, Phyllis Rohn, Angela Janda, Tracy Simmington, Kaitlyn Mancuso, Stephanie McPeak, Leslie Serany, Gina Fredericks, Elizabeth Adams, Charlene Briggs-Blomer, Anne Riley, Julie Masters, Emily Beisswenger, Micah Waldman, Elizabeth Pechin, Susan Fickert, Dave Hyett, Joseph O'Hara and Heidi Waterman**

Teachers reviewed newly purchased elementary curriculum materials that address the new PA STEELS standards and developed lesson sequences and plans to support student learning.

New Elementary STEM Curriculum**Dates: July 3, 14 & 25, August 3 & 12****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris****Participants: Susan McCann, Sarah McKenzie, John Kardasis, Wendy Prothero, and Michele Houghton**

Elementary STEM teachers developed a scope and sequence and accompanying lessons for the new K-4 STEM program that addresses Technology and Engineering standards in the new PA STEELS standards.

New Middle Science Curriculum Development**Date:** July 28**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Kim D. Morris**Participants:** Samantha Miller, Kathleen Wilson, Caroline Randazzo, Kristen Long, Andrew Broadhead, Matthew Davey, Sally Leathersich, Wendi Wilson, Colleen Johnson, Christy Saddic-Cosgrove, Matthew Klass, Karen Fletcher, Richard Smith and Samantha McNeil

Teachers reviewed new curriculum resources and attended training sessions to prepare lesson activities that address new PA STEELS standards.

New Middle STEM Curriculum Development**Dates:** July 11 and August 6, 13, 18 & 19**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Kim D. Morris**Participants:** Trevor Viviani, Melinda Sterenczak, Amy Schroeder, Melissa Moreno and Timothy Mumford

Middle school STEM teachers developed a scope and sequence and accompanying lessons for the Grade 5-8 STEM program to address Technology and Engineering standards in the new PA STEELS standards.

Refining New HS Robotics Engineering Course Curriculum**Date:** August 13**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Kim D. Morris**Participants:** Timothy Mumford and Noah Austin

Teachers reviewed the current curriculum and adjusted connectivity and programming activities based on feedback from this first year of implementation to best serve and support students in 2025-26.

New Roland BN2-20A Vinyl Printer & Cutter Training for Engineering Courses**Dates:** July 24 and August 14**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Kim D. Morris**Participants:** Timothy Mumford and Noah Austin

Teachers unpacked, assembled and tested new equipment for vinyl printing and cutting in the CHS fabrication lab and worked through the onboarding process to address connectivity issues ahead of student use in 2025-26.

Biology**Dates:** July 21 & 25**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Kim D. Morris**Participants:** Sabrina Bates, Valerie Cunningham and Janet Wolf

Biology teachers across instructional levels reviewed the current curriculum and preliminary Biology Keystone Exam results to make necessary adjustments that address the new PA STEELS standards. A new curriculum guide was developed for Accelerated Biology to incorporate the use of a new PA STEELS-aligned text resource.

Honors Chemistry Curriculum Realignment**Dates:** July 15 & 28**Time:** 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris

Participants: Amy Alvarez, Caitlin McDaniel, Kelly Showers, and Sal Colosi

Teachers reviewed current curriculum to make necessary adjustments in response to needs that arose during the first year of the new CHS schedule.

AP Chemistry I

Date: July 30

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Kim D. Morris

Participants: Kelly Showers and Leah Roberts

High School AP Chemistry Teachers reviewed the updated College Board requirements for AP Chemistry I and made curricular adjustments to course content and assessments based on AP Chemistry guidelines.

SOCIAL STUDIES

First Grade Curriculum Development

Dates: July 14 & 17

Time: 8:00am - 3:30pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Angela Janda, Elizabeth Adams, Tracy Simmington, Teraya Arrington and Stephanie McPeak

Teachers collaborated to further develop and reflect upon the updated first grade scope and sequence with expected outcomes of appropriately addressing content standards, embedding texts and resources with multiple perspectives, building intentional opportunities for building community within instructional activities and uploading teacher resources to Schoology.

Second Grade Curriculum Development

Dates: July 17 & 23

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Megan Kissinger, Dominic Parrotta and Gabriella Vizzarri

Teachers collaborated to further develop and reflect upon the updated second grade scope and sequence with expected outcomes of appropriately addressing content standards, embedding texts and resources with multiple perspectives, building intentional opportunities for building community within instructional activities and uploading teacher resources to Schoology.

Third Grade Curriculum Development

Dates: July 14 & 15

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Sean Axel, Misty Pennewill, Shawnette Brown and Ashley White

Teachers collaborated to further develop and reflect upon the updated third grade scope and sequence with expected outcomes of appropriately addressing content standards, embedding texts and resources with multiple perspectives, building intentional opportunities for building community within instructional activities and uploading teacher resources to Schoology.

Fourth Grade Curriculum Development

Dates: July 15

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participant: Donna Greene

Teacher worked to further develop and reflect upon the updated fourth grade scope and sequence with expected outcomes of appropriately addressing content standards, embedding texts and resources with multiple perspectives, building intentional opportunities for building community within instructional activities and uploading teacher resources to Schoology.

World History Collaboration

Dates: August 1 & 18

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Stephanie Matula, Joseph Moran, Lucy Paules, Trisha Young, Aaron Lockard and Emily McGready

Teachers collaborated to continue to review and revise, as needed, their scope and sequence and instructional practices as they reflected on the instructional opportunities presented by Conestoga High School's 2024 schedule change that introduced two days of block periods.

US History Collaboration

Dates: July 21 & 22

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Justin Davey, Michael Cruz, Krista Dalessandro, Emily McGready and Michael Palmatier

Teachers collaborated to continue to review and revise, as needed, their scope and sequence and instructional practices as they reflected on the instructional opportunities presented by Conestoga High School's 2024 schedule change that introduced two days of block periods.

US Government Collaboration

Dates: July 29 & 31

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Merri Gardner, Krista Dalessandro, David Anderson, Katie Walter, Aaron Lockard and Joseph Spiotta

Teachers collaborated to review and revise, as needed, their scope and sequence and instructional practices as they reflected on the instructional opportunities presented by Conestoga High School's 2024 schedule change that introduced two days of block periods.

AP Psychology Collaboration

Dates: July 22 & 23

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Mark Flores, Brian Gallagher, Michael Palmatier and David Zimmerman

Teachers continued their work on the transition to the new AP testing format. Of particular importance, teachers converted newly released sample questions for testing materials to Schoology for student use.

Criminal Justice Collaboration

Dates: July 18 and August 19

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Michael Cruz, Greg Hein and Ryan Howard

Teachers collaborated to review and revise the Criminal Justice curriculum. Prior to their work this summer, the last review of this course occurred in 2020. Teachers examined new, current resources to modify and create new lessons to reflect current events and issues within the legal system.

AP Comparative Government Collaboration

Dates: July 10 & 11

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Matthew Sterenczak

Participants: Michael Cruz and Greg Hein

Teachers collaborated to review and revise the course curriculum, including a review sample for a possible new textbook for the course. Collaboration around designing new projects and assessments also took place during this time.

America's 250th Anniversary**Dates:** July 16 & 17**Time:** 8:00am – 1:00pm**Director:** Dr. Matthew Sterenczak**Participants:** Jeremy Hampton, Donna Greene, Misty Pennewill, Sean Axel, Keri Phillips, Michael Palmatier, Alexandra Thompson, Katie Wylonis and Jennifer Pettia

Teachers across all levels collaborated to discover, modify and design educational resources commemorating America's 250 anniversary to deliver across all grade level in the 2025-26 school year. A Schoology page was developed to house resources and ideas were generated for ways to commemorate the anniversary in both small, daily ways as well as larger scale events.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

Essentialization of Curriculum - Intermediate Training**Dates:** August 19 & 20**Director:** Carolyn Macrina**Participants:** Brooke Crago, Abigail Pinder, Dana Anderson and Patrick Ryan

Participants worked with Megan Klementisz from EmpowerED to learn about advancing the work of essentialization of the curriculum for students.

Essentialization of Curriculum - Student Specific**Dates:** July 1, 11, 15, 18 & 24 and August 4, 5, 11, 13 & 15**Director:** Carolyn Macrina**Participants:** Laine Roth, Mary Ward, Margaret Kravitz, Kristin Diamond and Juliet Cleary

Participants worked under the guidance of Megan Klementisz from EmpowerED to develop essential standards for specific students in their buildings.

Intensive Teaching Preparation**Dates:** July/August**Time:** 4 hours per day (16 hours total per participant)**Director:** Lisa Snyder**Participants:** Mary Ward, Michael DeVitis, Margaret Kavitz, Alicia Adnopoz, Christopher Cornine, Jena Lutschaunig and Esther Chi

Participants and BCBAs prepared for individualized implementation of Intensive Teaching for students with intensive needs.

Safety Care**Date:** July 15 & 29 and August 12**Time:** 6 hours**Director:** Carolyn Macrina**Participants:** Chrystine Haldeman, Alexander Johnson, Edward Brandt, Allegra Dotson, Brigid Redmond, Kristen Stern, Megan Wolf, Brett Hargest, Victoria Kirby, Alessandra Wynne, Jena Lutschaunig, Nicole Riley and Heather Yaeger

Participants reviewed and practiced crisis prevention and management techniques such as reinforcement of desired behaviors, de-escalation techniques, physical safety skills, and physical management skills. This certification will allow participants to respond safely and appropriately to behavioral incidents.

Summer Support**Dates:** June 18 – August 18**Time:** 60 hours**Director:** Nicole Roy**Participant:** Heather Yaeger

Participant engaged in activities and tasks to ensure the Extended School Year continued to run smoothly, that Early Intervention cases continued to be addressed appropriately, that students attending Approved Private Schools had their needs met, and that tasks necessary for the transition to a new school year were completed in a timely manner.

Emotional Support Programming & Executive Functioning

Dates: July 23 & 31 and August 4, 5, 7, 12 & 14

Director: Carolyn Macrina

Participants: Elizabeth DeBerardinis, Margaret Kravitz and Amy Orth

Participants worked on executive functioning programs (such as The Smarts Curriculum) in conjunction with the CCIU trainers.

Reading Instruction at CHS/VFM/TEMS

Date: August 21

Director: Carolyn Macrina

Participant: Michael DeVitis

Participant reviewed reading instruction needs from the middle school for planning purposes for the high school.

Schedule Review Teams at CHS/TEMS/VFMS

Dates: July/August

Time: 4 hours per day (12 hours total per participant)

Director: Lisa Snyder

Participants: Mary Ward, Michael DeVitis, Jena Lutschaunig, Esther Chi, Elizabeth DePascale, Anna McLaughlin, Victoria Smick, Katrina Draves, Kate McGranahan, Leslie Large, Justin Giles and Stephanie Knox

Participants reviewed student schedules to ensure accuracy prior to release to parents.

Augmentative and Alternative Communication Systems

Dates: July 21 & 23

Director: Carolyn Macrina

Participants: Katerina Giovanopoulos, Katie Bredikin, Victoria Rhodes, Dana Anderson, Margaret Kravitz, Elizabeth DeBerardinis, Alicia Adnopo, Jena Lutschaunig, Brigid Redmond and Nicole Riley

Participants had the opportunities to try out various AAC programs used in the District with our students, learn ways to use and encourage teams to use in their classrooms and with different activities: modeling the use of these communication systems and learn how to use Aided Language Stimulation: ways to collect data and use data to determine future goals and targets, and use of computer programs that can assist with visuals for use of the AAC.

Structured Literacy

Dates: August 2025

Time: 12 hours per participant

Director: Nicole Roy

Participants: Megan Wolf, Angela Butler, Leslie Large, Kerry Merlo, Emily Farina, Kristen Duffy, Amy Romani, Nicole Shatraw, Nicole Short, Olya Pearson, Margaret Kravitz, Laine Rothe, Alexis Bryant, Abigail Pinder, Allegra Dotson, Kristen Stern and Anna McLaughlin

Participants created progress monitoring resources, developed multisensory activities that reinforce phonemic awareness, decoding, and fluency, and completed continuing education requirements for recertification in Orton-Gillingham.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Elementary Initiatives to Enhance Safe, Supportive and Inclusive Learning Environments

Dates: July 22 & 25

Director: Dr. Andrew Phillips

Participants: Carmelo Gaudite, David Hyett, Megan Kissinger, and Robyn Michael

Participants worked on applying skills and tools learned from the Enterprise trainings for the past two years to develop enhanced school experiences, community outreach efforts, and classroom lessons that

will further integrate the District's Guiding Principles for Safe, Supportive and Inclusive Learning Environments at New Eagle.

Merging TESD Guiding Principles and Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS)**Dates: July 15 & 24****Director: Dr. Andrew Phillips****Participants: Elizabeth Adams, Megan Kissinger, Mary Jo McQuate, Heather O'Connor, and Alison Troy**

Participants created a school-wide system for positively reinforcing student behaviors that contribute to a supportive and inclusive environment for all ability levels and cultural backgrounds. Activities and experiences were constructed for proactively modeling and discussing inclusion and cultural awareness at our school, and additional positive character traits for the school to focus on each month during class meetings were developed and distributed. Related morning announcements and positive behavior reinforcements were created as well.

STUDENT CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Peer Mediation**Dates: August 5, 6, 7****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Nicole Jolly****Participants: Jennifer Kratsa, Jillian Harris, Danielle Sculley-Ellett and Asher Rhodes**

Peer Mediation planned and prepared for the 2025-26 school year. Meetings took place with both the Executive Board and general Peer Mediation members. Topics included setting PM Agenda for the 2025-26 school year: meeting dates, hours requirement, Executive Board expectations, PM expectations, 9th grade orientation, back to school night, Fall Fest, Cornucopia and Unity Fair. Peer Mediation also trained to be a Link, STAR and PAL.

ASA Advisor Planning**Date: July 30****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Nicole Jolly****Participant: Stephanie Matula**

The participant planned the calendar for the 2025–26 school year. This involves researching a variety of cultural events and holidays and thoughtfully considering the most appropriate times to recognize and celebrate them. The goal was to create a meaningful and inclusive schedule that reflects the diversity of our community.

Black Student Union Advisors' Retreat**Dates: August 1****Time: 9:00am – 2:00pm****Director: Dr. Nicole Jolly****Participants: Ryan Howard and Ronald Toole**

Participants reviewed the membership list and homeroom list, reviewed BSU events and dates and drafted academic, civic, and social calendar, discussed plan for communication with union and families, discussed plan for Elementary School and Middle School Activities, planned for club contact information-release form, parent letter, club email, identify and established partnerships with local community (NAACP Mainline, Villanova University, etc.)

High School Navigate Program**Date: July 9****Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm****Director: Dr. Nicole Jolly****Participants: Danielle Yucis and Justin Beasley-Turner**

Participants planned the 2025-26 Navigate schedule and programming for the upcoming school year.

Topics included college campus visits, HBCU fairs, welcome breakfast, standardized testing presentation, scholarship presentation, programming for Fall college application workshop on PSAT day and summer opportunities workshop with the goal of increasing college readiness and academic motivation and success.

STUDENT SERVICES

Middle School Structured Support

Dates: July 14, 15 & 16

Time: 8:00am – 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Chris Groppe

Participants: Lisa Klein, Allison Brazunas, Allison Inch and Taylor DeBernardi

The middle school structured support teachers met to review curriculum for the new wellbeing advisory class, along with the processes to identify students and conduct progress monitoring.

Elementary MIT Process Update

Dates: July 28 and August 12

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Chris Groppe

Participants: Janet Rosoff, Eugene Billet, Kathleen Plunkett, Tamson Noel, Laura Hobbins, Linda Krause, Kirsten Firestine, Kristy Kane, Ashley Kinney, Lindsey Klotz and Hayley Rodgers

Elementary staff reviewed practices across the buildings and identified means to enhance existing programs.

District Mental Health Specialists

Dates: July 30 and August 5 & 7

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Chris Groppe

Participants: Jana Golboro, Melissa Korsin, Lindsay Hannigan, Jenna Grabiak, Christine Dunleavy, Grace Gara and Amanda Martinez

Staff met to review current practices in promoting student wellbeing and increasing awareness of community resources for TESD families.

Promoting Staff Wellbeing

Dates: July 15 & 16

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Chris Groppe

Participants: Jana Golboro, Elizabeth DePascale and Tori Smick

Staff met to review current practices in supporting staff wellbeing and in planning for new teacher induction.

School Safety

Date: July 31

Time: 8:00am - 1:00pm

Director: Dr. Chris Groppe

Participants: Misty Pennewill and Amy Ferguson

Teachers updated building level signage and other safety materials for building use.

International Exchange Students

Conestoga High School welcomes the following international exchange students for the 2025-26 school year.

One student from Italy – Full Year; Sponsored through AFS

One student from Germany – Full Year; Sponsored through International Student Exchange (ISE)

Announcements – None

Correspondence

Adjournment

Rachel Weil moved, then the motion was seconded to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Submitted by,

Arthur J. McDonnell
Board Secretary
(minutes prepared by S. Halley)