

BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2026

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices, Room 200

7:00 p.m.

Attending all or part of the meeting:

Board Committee Members: Dr. Roberta Hotinski (Chair), Maryann Piccioni, Nicole Scherer, Rachel Weil

Other Board Members: Dr. Julie K. Mesaros, Sue Tiede

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Patrick Gately, Amy Meisinger, Matt Sterenczak, Katie Parker

Community Members: Talia Roth (Spoke Reporter), Rabia Roth

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comment: None

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the minutes from February 12, 2026.

The Committee received information about **Curiosity Driven Pathways** from Dr. Amy Meisinger, Conestoga High School Principal. Dr. Meisinger defined the Strategic Plan aligned Pathways as intentional combinations of multidisciplinary courses and experiences that establish a trajectory of inquiry aligned with a student's personal passions, interest in specific topics, themes and/or problems, and interest in a particular field or career. The Curiosity Driven Pathways will be accomplished when students select an area of concentration across several disciplines, engage in a series of 4 multidisciplinary courses, design their own area of focus and sequence of courses with approval, and demonstrate results through reflection on a culminating Pathway Card. Dr. Meisinger explained the logistics and specifics about the Pathways, along with examples of possible Pathways and sample Pathway Cards. Dr. Meisinger answered questions from Committee members.

The Committee received a **Dual Enrollment Update** from Dr. Matt Sterenczak, Curriculum Supervisor. Dr. Sterenczak explained that the Conestoga High School Dual Enrollment program continues to grow with 11 courses eligible for college credit through the District's partnership with Gwynedd Mercy University and that one additional course (Astronomy) is eligible for college credit through the District's agreement with Immaculata University. Dr. Sterenczak reviewed the 11 Gwynedd Mercy University courses and explained the details of the collaborative partnership with the University including: three transferable college credits per course, no additional academic requirements placed on Conestoga students who take these courses, a fee for 26-27 of \$420.00 per course (which is an 80% reduction in Gwynedd Mercy's tuition), and an available scholarship at Gwynedd Mercy for participation in the program. Dr. Sterenczak reviewed the growing number of students enrolled in the courses since 2023 and the efforts made by the District and the Dual Enrollment Coordinator to share information with students and parents about the program to help increase enrollment which is now up to 110

students. Dr. Sterenczak explained a sampling of colleges and universities that accept Gwynedd Mercy's transfer credits and the potential cost savings for families and students earning dual enrollment credit. Dr. Sterenczak answered questions from Committee members.

The Committee received a **Cursive Handwriting Update** from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle explained that state legislation passed recently, mandating that cursive writing be taught in Pennsylvania schools but that the District has always taught cursive writing in 3rd grade.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Next meeting: April 16, 2026