BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 10, 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: Kenneth Hong, Dr. Julie K. Mesaros, Sue Tiede, Dr. Henry Zink

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Richard Gusick, Patrick Gately

Community Members: Jay Joyce, Conestoga High School Spoke reporter

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Public Comment:

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the minutes of May 14, 2026. One typo and one suggested update were noted and will be updated and reflected in revised May 14, 2026 minutes.

The Committee received the **2027-28 District Calendar** information from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle described the process for creating the yearly school calendar. She shared some of the differences between this year's school calendar and the draft 2027-28 calendar, such as the placement of in-service days and holidays. Dr. Towle suggested that the schedule for the first week of school for Kindergarten be changed to reflect the addition of Full-day Kindergarten for the 2027-28 school year. The suggested change reflects the need to shift Kindergarten screenings to the spring of 2027 for families who enroll prior to the end of the current school year, with three days of additional Kindergarten screenings and parent meetings and the first two days of school for Kindergarten students during the first full week. Dr. Towle explained the April 25, 2028, inservice day could shift to coincide with a possible change to Pennsylvania's 2028 election day scheduling. Lastly, she discussed the rescheduled student days in the event of emergency closings, including one traditional 'snow day' to be made up on June 13, 2027, along with five Flexible Instruction Days to follow if needed. After discussion, the Committee recommended the draft calendar be shared at the next Inter-School Council Meeting for feedback, with the draft calendar to be revisited at the Education Committee Meeting on October 15, 2026.

The Committee received information on **Summer Programs** from Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Learning. Dr. Towle shared information about the five District summer programs, including Summer Reading Camp, English Language Development Enrichment Camp, Middle School Summer Bridge, ASPIRE Math Tutoring Program, and Elementary STEM Camp, with an emphasis on the increasing numbers of students enrolled in each of the summer programs and students' progress and growth due to engagement in these summer programs. Dr. Towle expressed gratitude for the District's support of the summer programs over the years, and that the English Language Development Enrichment

Camp, which is funded by a federal Title III grant, is expected to continue to receive that funding for summer 2027. The Committee and Dr. Towle expressed their gratitude for the Foundation for Learning in Tredyffrin/Easttown (FLITE) grant which also supported the Elementary STEM Camp and Summer Bridge during summer 2026 and is hoped to continue.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Next meeting: October 15, 2026.