



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 8, 2021

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair

Anthony Emmons, Carolyn Podgorski (Absent), Thomas Wallace, Beth Fiore (Alternate)

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor

Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor (absent)

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Minutes

1. Curriculum Updates (see summaries below)
 - a. Financial Literacy grades 6-8
 - b. Innovation and Design 6-8
2. Accelerate Learning Update
 - a. After School Program for Intervention students, Grades 4-8 Math and 6-8 LA starts today 11/8. Not enough teachers to cover all of the after-school programs we want to offer
 - i. Transportation is being provided for after-school programs
 - ii. Encore class times are also being offered
 - iii. Virtual option of one-on-one tutoring for LA with a certified outside teacher who uses our same curriculum is being considered and would be available for lower grades as well
3. SEL Curriculum: Updates and Revisions
 - a. Removed references of masks and why we wear them as it was covered in 2020-2021 school year
 - b. Mr. Tumolo provided a Rationale Document which was reviewed by the committee
 - c. RMS Curriculum Revised (see summary below)
4. Diversity, equity and inclusion discussion
 - a. Reviewed planning document
5. Start Strong
 - a. Individual Student Reports are due in the district December 14th. On-Demand reports are available through Ms. Pauch as needed.

6. New standards and courses for: Civics, Computer Science, and Financial Literacy to be implemented for 2022-2023 school year
 - a. Requirement for a separate Civics course in RMS covering two marking periods of content
 - b. Computer Science (replaced Technology 6-8) and Financial Literacy can be covered as part of our Health curriculum. These may also develop into updated or new courses. More to come on this project.
7. Reminder: Technology Committee Meeting, November 15 @ 4:00 P.M. meet.google.com/hyc-ipok-bkt
8. Board Goals:
 - a. Goal 2: *To set budget parameters that effectively plan for enrollment growth, maintain the depth, breadth and quality of the educational and co-curricular program while remaining fiscally accountable to the community; Evaluating and assessing our redistricting plan to accommodate shifts in student population.* Outcomes: Student achievement data, Accelerate learning programs, Civics course and other standards updates.
 - b. Goal 4: *To continue our integration of Social-Emotional Learning across the curriculum as well as providing equitable access to mental health supports for all students and staff as needed as we resume in person teaching and learning.* Outcomes: SEL Curriculum, Aevium implementation, Hunterdon Behavioral Health implementation.
9. Agenda items: SEL Curriculum, Crayola Crayon Program (pilot 1st grade), HSA Winter Sale, pending COVID restrictions
10. Next Meeting: December 7th at 8:30am

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions

Financial Literacy 6-8

The document includes the new 2020 standards for 9.1 Personal Financial Literacy and 9.2 Career Awareness, Exploration, Preparation, and Training. Adjustments were made to the scope and sequence to cover the new standards. There were minimal changes to the content of the standards.

I&D Curriculum 6-8

Updates were made to include the new 2020 standards: 8.1 Computer Science, 8.2 Design Thinking, and 9.4 Life Literacies and Key Skills (Creativity and Innovation, Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, and Technology Literacy). Minor adjustments were made to the scope and sequence to ensure all standards were covered. The biggest change was in the sixth grade unit from solar cars to electric cars.

SEL Revisions

- Removed any reference to wearing a mask in order to "help the world." This will be outdated as it was used last year when we were coming back from quarantine.
- Removed the film "A Mother's Promise" due to the depiction of deportation. We replaced it with "Icing on the Cake" regarding an immigrant family working hard and seeing their daughter graduate from school. This is a more positive depiction of an immigrant story.
- We kept the film "Hair Love." It's also a book in the WHS library and 3rd grade classrooms.
- We developed a "Resource Description" link in the RMS curriculum guide. This provides a detailed description of each video resource and its source.
- We added some warnings for any video having sensitive content within the "Resource Description"