



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 24, 2020

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair

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Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor

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Minutes

1. Remote Instruction Updates

- a. Online Instruction Changes - began introducing new material. Continue to work on our next phase of remote instruction, which includes new material and continuing with district operations.
- b. Attendance/participation and welfare checks
 - i. Continuing with current requirements
 - ii. Letter will be sent from Superintendent to parents asking to make sure students are engaged and participating
 - iii. Plans in place if a wellness check from police is needed, in the event we don't hear from a student/parent for days
- c. Marking Period 4 Grading - currently reviewing options
 - i. Elementary will remain as-is
 - ii. HBS will like grade MP4 using a non-letter grade, same as elementary
 - iii. RMS is not finalized but will likely include more grading for participation (ie turning in assignments, engaging in zoom), less tests/quizzes
- d. End of Year Assessments
 - i. Assessments Given:
 1. Math: first and second performance tasks and Diagnostic
 2. ELA
 - a. Beginning of the year and 1st interval running records
 - b. Narrative benchmark
 - c. Opinion or information benchmark depending on grade level
 - i. we have 3 assessments at each grade level, but only 2 have been taken.
 - ii. Assessments Postponed:
 1. Math
 - a. third performance task is postponed
 - b. third Diagnostic will be given online

- c. End of the Year Assessment only to be given if school is reopened before the end of the year
 - 2. ELA
 - a. Opinion or information benchmark depending on grade level will be postponed
 - b. 3rd interval and final running records if school is reopened before the end of the year
- e. Criteria for G&T, Honors and Advanced: finding alternative ways to assess and identify students for G&T and honors since we cannot use the current criteria
 - i. Math
 - 1. Students will remain in the current placement. Teachers and parents who feel that a change in placement is needed will have a study guide and assessment in the summer to see if the move is appropriate.
 - ii. Humanities
 - 1. GT: Criteria will remain the same (last year's scores, current Isat, and teacher recommendation)
 - 2. Honors: NJSLA Score, classroom grades, and teacher recommendation, First Interval Running Record, two writing benchmarks
- f. Tech Support/Parent Support: <https://sites.google.com/readington.k12.nj.us/techathome/home>
 - i. Resource for parents/students for the different technological tools the school is utilizing, ie, google meet, classroom
 - ii. Providing additional devices as requested by parents

2. Field Trip Refunds for parents

- a. TBD May 15: if school will not reopen, there is a process in place to refund parents

3. Intervention Recommendations for 2020-2021

- a. Intervention will be supplemental and not replacement
- b. Begin earlier in the school year
- c. Create a standard criteria across the district
- d. Utilize RTI as a standardized process (as suggested by QSAC policy)

4. VALE Pilot Update

- a. Grades 4 and 5 assessments were complete before we left school, 3rd grade did not finish assessment
- b. Lowest performing students had significant improvements
- c. Launch grades 3-5 next year.

5. Summer Enrichment Plans

- a. Pre-Registration online to save a spot and gauge interest.
- b. No payment is required yet.

6. Discussion of how to foster mental health to students

- a. Consider zoom meetings with counselors so students can socialize

7. Agenda items are standard

8. Next Meeting: Thursday May 14th at 8:30am