



# EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 21, 2025

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Ellen DePinto, Paulo Lopes, Carolyn Podgorski

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

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

## Minutes

1. Student Achievement Data Presentation with Comparison Data and Mid-Year Diagnostics - Dr. Brown and Mrs. Pauch presented the district's NJSLA comparison data and mid-year iReady diagnostic reports. When in year's past we were only able to see our district NJSLA scores compared to the State avg, we are now able to compare our results with neighboring districts. When looking at the latest assessment, Readington students are either on par or outperforming surrounding districts. On the iReady mid-year diagnostics, just about every grade level has achieved 50% growth or more which is what the district expects to see midway through the year. These reports will be shared with building principals for them to identify goals for short term action plans in any areas that need continued, short term growth.
2. Spring Teacher Academy - Mrs. Krial gave a report on the Spring Teacher Academy which is currently underway. Teacher Academy is an inhouse after school professional program that began in 2010. This Spring session runs through mid-May. There are 18 different sessions running and they are open to all staff members and even to teachers in surrounding districts if there are seats available.
3. Parent Academy: March 26 6:00PM at Holland Brook School. Mrs. Krial shared information about the Parent Academy night which is a fairly new initiative to invite parents to participate in a night of learning. There will be 4 different sessions this year, ½ hour each, on topics relating to student wellness. Planning is underway and more details will be shared at our next meeting.
4. March In-Service Draft agenda - Mrs. Krial shared a draft of the March In-Service Day agenda which takes place on March 14th. The day will begin with a keynote speaker regarding dyslexia. Breakout sessions will be a mix of mandatory training, department meetings, and subject area specific topics. There will be food vendors, like Cookie Maven, and several local food trucks providing food for the staff to enjoy.

5. Temple University Middle School Study- Mrs. Pauch reported that the district was asked to participate in a research study in Math regarding the relationship between fractions and algebra post-Covid 19. This study is optional for teachers and students to participate in. Letters will be sent home to parents with all pertinent information and a permission slip to participate.
6. YMCA Clubs for Readington - Dr. Hart shared the club listings that the YMCA could provide to students in grades K-5 afterschool on campus. The sessions that were chosen this Spring include 'Minecraft Club' at Holland Brook School and 'Dream through STEAM' and 'Y Chefs' at Whitehouse School and Three Bridges. Sessions would begin March 10th, there is a fee to participate this year since the district does not have funds from ESSER to cover the cost.

Agenda items: field trips, fundraisers, YMCA Clubs, Temple study

Next Meeting: March 28 @ 8:30am