



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 10, 2023

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Randall Peach, Carolyn Podgorski, Justina Ryan

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

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

Agenda

1. Book Complaint Recommendation- The Committee discussed the findings of the report regarding the grievance that was submitted requesting *Me and Earl and the Dying Girl* by Jesse Andrews to be removed from the RMS library. Per Policy 9130 Public Complaints and Grievances, an ad hoc Reconsideration Committee was convened to review the book and their final recommendation was that according to Policy 2530 Resource Materials this book meets the district's obligation to provide resources for self-selected texts that fulfill the 8th Grade curriculum requirements which include materials up to the 9th and 10th Grade reading bands for students reading at higher levels. Parents can contact their child's librarian to discuss certain books or subject areas that they want to limit their child from checking out of the school library.
2. YMCA After School Club Program Update - Dr. Hart presented new after school clubs funded through ESSER/ARP for Grades K-5 in the areas of Math and Language Arts in partnership with the YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties. Math Clubs: Dream through STEAM (legos, K'nex, patterns, blocks) is open to K-1. STEAM Survivor (team math challenges) Grades 2-3. Minecraft STEAM is Grades 4-5. In Language Arts, Reading Olympics will be open to Grades 1-3. Clubs will run for 8 weeks beginning the week of Feb 6. More clubs may open up later in the year as details get finalized and based on interest. Once approved by the board, registration information will be shared with parents through Genesis.
3. Special Education Extended School Year Dates - Mrs. Beegle shared the dates for Special Education Extended School Year. The self-contained programs will run from July 5th - Aug 3rd. Additionally, there will be an Elementary Supplemental Reading program for selected eligible special education students which will run from July 10-July 28, 4 hours a day.
4. Upcoming priorities appearing in the curriculum budget - Dr. Hart briefly mentioned the areas pertaining to Ed/Tech that may be included in budget discussions, including:
 - a. Revisions to Math and ELA State Standards (possible)

- b. Technology infrastructure enhancements and student devices
 - c. Possible expansion of certain programs
 - d. Continued professional development via presenters and consultants (data, inquiry, math)
5. Relevant Board Goals:
- a. *Goal 3. Create the supports and structures for a sharp, clear focus on academic achievement while continuing the integration of Social Emotional Learning across the curriculum and providing equitable access to mental health supports as needed for our students and staff.*
Measure discussed: There was discussion of a mid-year update with regard to iReady data.
6. Agenda items: Establish ESY Classes, establish the BD class at TBS, YMCA clubs, fundraisers, field trips, presenters for the March PD day
7. Next Meeting: Feb 6

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions

N/A