



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 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 (absent)

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor (absent)

Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor (absent)

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Minutes

1. Quarterly Tech Update - Mr. Belske gave the committee a report on the technology updates for the district. The district is currently updating the Epson iProjectors at RMS to connect the projection screens to the network. This would allow student chromebooks to connect to the projection screen and would also allow the tech department access for support/updates. The tech department is also working on providing centralized printing throughout the buildings to save on costs of maintaining individual classroom printers. At RMS & HBS there are several Audio/Visual enhancements planned including wireless microphone headsets for drama performances. Summer projects include device and software updates as needed.
2. NJSLA Testing begins May 2 - Ms. Pauch gave the committee an update on the NJSLA testing schedule. There are 3 units of Math and 2 units of ELA in every grade level in grades 3-8 with an additional Science assessment in Grades 5th and 8th. This equates to about 4 days of testing for most and about 6 days of testing for 5th and 8th Grades. Unrelated to NJSLA, but still in regards to state testing, the state has eliminated the Start Strong assessment that was introduced and administered in the Fall of 2021 and then again in 2022.
3. Summer Enrichment Enrollment/Update - Mrs. Krial gave an update on the summer enrichment program, enrollment numbers are very high, it is projected to generate income this year. Mrs. Ogden has done a fantastic job recruiting and organizing the program. New sessions this year include Welcome to HBS. The sessions are either half day or full day in the areas of Arts and Crafts, STEM, Kitchen Creations, and New School Orientation. If enrollment allows, sessions will be broken into grade bands. Registration is still OPEN, the link is on the website.
4. Virtual HW help end date, April 6 - Dr. Hart updated the committee on the discontinuation of after-school Homework Help. Teachers were approved in a previous Board Meeting to provide help after school to students, if needed, to be scheduled with student and parent.

5. Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program - For approval on April 25 BOE agenda, the district has a grant to partially fund the Child Assault Prevention Program next year. This program provides training/resources to parents and staff as well as a program facilitator for students in Grades 3,5, and 8. Topics include safety prevention, bullying, and self advocacy/reporting appropriate to each grade level. Parents will receive more information and be invited to attend a session from CAP presenters.
6. NJ State DOE Revisions to Math and ELA Standards - The State has announced upcoming revisions to the Math and ELA Standards which would not be implemented until Sept 2024. The changes do not seem to be substantially different from what the district is already teaching, however it would require a lot of paperwork and additional cost for curriculum writing for the district. Ms. Pauch and Dr. Brown will continue to update the committee as more information becomes available.
7. Agenda items: CAP Program
8. Next Meeting: June 1 at 8:30am

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions

N/A