



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 28, 2025

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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

Dr. Jonathan Moss, HBS Principal (item #1)

Agenda

1. HBS Schedule Modifications 2025-2026 - Dr. Moss worked with Supervisors and Administrators to tweak the HBS schedule for the 25-26 school year. The changes include: moving from a 6 day schedule to a 5 day schedule; Grade-level lunches and recesses will be 30 minutes for each block; Additional Phys Ed. block each week will take place instead of one day of recess; All staff participate in recess coverage; Single dismissal time for students; Parent pickup will be curbside near BOE sidewalk; Departmentalizing 4th Grade classes to match 5th Grade schedule where students move classrooms for subject areas.
2. Summer Enrichment Updates - Mrs. Krial updated committee on Summer Spark - Summer Enrichment enrollment which is lighter than usual but not of concern. Approval for Facilitators will be on the May agenda.
3. Handwriting Pilot
 - a. Handwriting Heroes Grades K&1 - Dr. Brown discussed the Handwriting Pilot that took place this year. Kindergarten and 1st Grade Teachers piloted 4 different programs through participation in a Penn State Research Study. Based on the selection committee's rubric and teacher feedback, Handwriting Heroes was selected as the most effective program. This program is fully virtual, meaning there is no handwriting book. The program utilizes a digital software program and worksheets with dry erase markers. Selection committee members volunteered to do Professional Development for the K and Grade 1 Teachers to get everyone up to speed.
 - b. Word study based program Grade 3 - Dr. Brown also mentioned the cursive writing pilot that took place this year. 3rd Grade teachers tried 3 different programs in order to select the best one. Based on feedback from the teachers, the selection committee's recommendation is to utilize the cursive writing worksheets in the existing VALE Word Study program. There is no additional

cost to purchase a program with this option. Professional Development would happen during Common Planning Time with Dr. Brown.

Agenda items: field trips, fundraisers, May agenda items, other typical agenda items

Next Meeting: June 12th at 8:30am

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions