



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

September 8, 2022

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Randall Peach, Carolyn Podgorski, Thomas Wallace

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

Agenda

1. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Leadership Training - Mr. Tumolo gave a report to the committee on the workshop held at the end of August for the leadership team and teacher-leaders. Facilitated by a consultant from the company Powerful Communications, the group participated in activities designed to build community that could then be brought to staff and ultimately to students. The leadership team will be meeting in the fall to plan a timeline for sharing out the learned activities and create next steps that align with the year 2 D.E.I. goals in the strategic plan.
2. Curriculum Revisions

Sarah Pauch discussed the following curriculum for Board approval:

- a. Computer Science K-2
- b. Computer Science 3-5

Computer Science Changes Overview

This is new curriculum to meet the new NJSLs for Computer Science. In Grades 4 and 5, the standards are covered in the Innovation & Design curriculum. These will replace the Technology curriculum from 2014.

- c. Coding I
- d. Coding II

Coding (elective) Changes Overview

This is all new to meet new NJSLs Computer Science Standards. Coding I replaces the Grade 7 Coding Design curriculum. Coding II replaces Grade 8 Coding & App Design.

- e. Health Grades 6-8 The committee reviewed the draft curriculum and provided extensive feedback to Administrators . Board approval for Health Grades K-8 has been tabled until the October 11th meeting, so the district can hold a parent/guardian information night on September 29th at 6:30pm.

Dr. Brown discussed the following curriculum for Board approval:

- f. Information Literacy - There were updates to the introduction, units, and standards sections in order to align with the new standards coming into effect in September.
- g. Spanish Grades K-5
- h. Spanish Grade 6
- i. Spanish Grade 7
- j. Spanish Grade 8
- k. Chinese Grade 6
- l. Chinese Grade 7
- m. Chinese Grade 8
- n. French Grade 6
- o. French Grade 7
- p. French Grade 8

World Language Changes Overview

World Languages were revised to include an updated introduction, new world language standards, compliance with LBGT & Disabilities, Holocaust, and Amistad laws, and revisions to interdisciplinary, computer science, and careers sections.

- 3. Field Trips 2022-2023 - Dr. Hart shared the list of Field Trips for students, noting that more will come up for Board approval as the school year progresses.
- 4. Temple University Study (year 2) - Dr. Hart was asked to once again help promote a study by a Temple University professor and doctoral students relating to student learning of fractions during Covid and its correlation to student success in Algebra. Last year, 20-25 Readington parents/students participated in this optional study. The committee saw no issue with advertising a second year for study participants through the posting of a flyer and sending a Genesis Blast.
- 5. District Assessment Calendars - Dr. Hart shared the district testing schedule and letter that goes out to parents/guardians regarding L.A., Math, and Science assessments, which will also be posted on the district website.
- 6. Agenda items: curriculum documents, field trip approval, Temple study approval, clubs
- 7. Next Meeting: October 4 @ 8:30am