



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2021
8:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair
Carolyn Podgorski, Andrew Saunders, 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
Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor
Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor
Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor
Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Minutes

1. Special Education students returning - update
 - a. As of today, all Special Ed K-5 students are back, while maintaining social distancing guidelines. Grades 6-8 is more challenging to maintain 6 foot social distance but plans are underway to bring them back as well.
2. Special Education Budget Items for 2021-2022 School Year
 - a. BD program expansion at TBS
 - b. One-year Consultant for Autism program to provide feedback
 - c. Enrichment for learning gaps due to COVID
 - i. Extended summer program for ESY students
 - ii. Two-day after-school program planned for Fall 2021 to bridge any gaps in literacy and mathematics
 1. Criteria to be developed for students who would benefit
 - d. Costs could be offset using IDEA and ESSA grants
3. Curriculum Budget
 - a. Strategic Goal priorities - meeting with committee
 - b. Enrichment for learning gaps due to COVID
 - i. Accelerated Learning Intervention Program for 1st-8th grade (Kindergarteners won't have learning loss as they will be new students); approximately 25 students per grade level
 - ii. One-time program in Fall 2021
 - iii. ESSA grant can help offset cost
4. Technology
 - a. District Website Update - District and School Level Menus
 - i. Some menu options have already been updated. Content will come later

- b. Technology: GoGuardian Updates and iPad Deployment
 - i. Currently using 3 features of GoGuardian; Classroom feature has been turned on at RMS
 - ii. iPad deployment is complete; kudos to the Kindergarten teachers for their support
- 5. Instrumental Music: Planning for In-Person Lessons
 - a. No longer than 30 mins of playing time, maintaining social distancing
 - b. Playing masks and instrument covers will be provided
 - c. Breaks in between classes to allow for adequate air exchange
 - d. Choral music will also be provided special masks
 - e. Outdoor lessons will also be an option
 - f. Hoping to open program in the next few weeks (waiting on PPE and Yellow Activity Level)
- 6. SEL Updates
 - a. CAP Expansion to grades 3-5 (Child Assault Prevention)
 - i. Virtual Staff Training Grades K-5- February 3rd @ 1:30-2:30
 - ii. Virtual Parent Training Grades K-5 February 10th @ 7:00-8:00pm
 - iii. One 45 minute student lesson for Grades 3-5 ONLY (Virtual)
 - b. SEL Parent Night January 20
 - i. Social Awareness Presentation w/ two student council representatives
 - c. Wellness Checks
 - i. First round of check-ins is underway. Feedback from staff, school counselors, and parents has been positive.
 - ii. Next round of check-ins will take place throughout February and March
 - d. Equity Planning underway (tied to Strategic Goal #2)
 - i. Consultant to assist and ensure we infuse equity throughout our curriculums
- 7. Parent Academy January 26 Focus: Supporting Inquiry at Home
- 8. QSAC Law - Update
 - a. State law changed to allow postponement of QSAC review; however, our internal review was already complete. Committee agreed to continue forward with the review.
- 9. Texts
 - a. Elementary LGBTQ texts linked to current units
 - i. *Tango Makes Three* by Tracy Moore (Kindergarten)
 - ii. *In Our Mothers' House* by Patricia Polacco (5th grade)
 - b. 6th Grade Classroom Libraries:
 - i. *Frida Kahlo Artist and Activist* by Matt Doeden
 - ii. *12 Adventurers with Disabilities* by Susan Perry
 - iii. *12 Athletes with Disabilities* by Joanne Mattern
 - iv. *12 Artists with Disabilities* by Susan Perry
 - v. *12 Journalists and Media Personalities with Disabilities* by Marne Ventura
 - vi. *12 Entertainers with Disabilities* by Marne Ventura
 - vii. *12 Scientists with Disabilities* by Susan Perry
 - viii. *12 Political Leaders with Disabilities* by Marne Ventura
 - ix. *12 Business Leaders with Disabilities* by Marne Ventura
 - x. *Scientists and Their Discoveries: Thomas Edison* by Karen Ellis
 - xi. *Greta Thunberg: Climate Crisis Activist* by Matt Doeden (6th grade bookroom)
 - c. 8th grade texts
 - i. *James Baldwin: Novelist and Critic* by Glennis Reed (8th grade bookroom)

- ii. *Rachel Maddow: Primetime Political Commentator* by Amy Houts (8th grade classroom libraries)
- iii. *World Without Fish* by Mark Kurlansky (8th grade bookroom nonfiction)
- iv. *Can Your Outfit Change the World* by Erinne Paisley (8th grade bookroom nonfiction)
- v. *Prairie Lotus* by Linda Sue Park (8th grade bookroom historical fiction)

10. Agenda Items: student observation placements, texts, preschool tuition, other standard Ed/Tech agenda items

11. Next Meeting: Monday, February 8th at 8:30 a.m.