



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 18, 2020

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair

Andrew Saunders (absent), Anna Shinn, Thomas Wallace

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Agenda

1. Spring Teacher Academy
 - a. Similar turnout as previous years, will run until mid-May. There are 2 online book study activities. Coaches are facilitating several sessions during the academy.
2. Health and PE/Counseling Mental Health Pilot
 - a. Aavidum (I got your back) Program, developed by a Pennsylvania district with an increased number of suicides. It started as an afterschool program with pieces integrated into the classroom. It teaches advocacy and empowering students.
 - b. Addresses new standards for Mental Health for 2020-2021, as well as fitting with current standards.
 - c. Pilot one 8th grade class with School Counselor co-teaching during Health.
 - i. 5 lessons, including video component
3. Chromebook package and policy 2020-2021
 - a. Every 4 years, new chromebooks at HBS, offset years with replacements to Elementary schools
 - b. Starting 2021, every incoming 6th grader gets a new chromebook to keep through RMS
 - c. The administration is reviewing enhancements to safety and protection for devices, while also reviewing the associated costs to the district and parents.
4. March 30 Professional Development Day Plans
 - a. 4 sessions, 65 minutes
 - b. Keynote speaker Mike Kuzcala, at end of day, with breakout sessions during the day
 - c. Tech offerings, iReady, Stop the Bleed training (partnered with Whitehouse Rescue), book studies, holistic music to rollout to autism and preschool classes.
5. Summer Enrichment Update
 - a. 68 parents responded to the survey. No overwhelming request for full-day
 - b. Arts and Crafts, Stem, and kitchen creations were most requested
 - c. Offer for 2 weeks, looking into feasibility to offer in August. Half day and full day options. 3 or 5 day offerings for each week

- d. ESY and Rec run into first week of August this year
- 6. School Climate Survey administration March 23 to April 3
 - a. State survey for staff, students, and parents. Review will be compared to last year's results
- 7. Texts for approval:
 - a. *Courage Has No Color* by Tanya Lee Stone, 7th grade nonfiction (Summary: The True Story of the Triple Nickles: America's First Black Paratroopers)
 - b. *Riding Freedom*, 4th grade historical fiction (Summary: Woman who dresses as a man to be stagecoach driver to support herself during the Gold Rush Era.)
- 8. Next Meeting: Monday, March 9th at 8:30am