



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

April 8, 2019

8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Anna Shinn, Chair

Carol Hample, Thomas Wallace, Andrew Saunders

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools

Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary

Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Coordinator

Sherry Krial, Supervisor of C&I Tech/PD

Jim Belske, Technology

Barbara Pauley, Counselor at HBS (agenda item 1 only)

Public Minutes

1. School Climate Survey (Anthony and Barbara Pauley)

a. Link to surveys: [click here](#)

b. Administer scheduled for May

- i. The School Climate Surveys will have 3 surveys, a parent, staff and student version. Grades 3-8 will complete the student version of the survey so there will be the ability to follow students as they grow to be able to gather more consistent data on the SEL/Character Ed programs. The goal is for the surveys to be completed yearly online to help drive SEL/Character Ed program. The data for this year will be used to help build the Strategic Plan/Goals.

2. RMS SmartBoards Update:

- i. Follow up from previous meeting with updated info: a survey was completed by staff about their use of the smartboards and it was found that the interactive features (used by pen and finger touch) and the projection and video aspects were used the most.
- ii. The Technology Department is looking at a model similar to what the district currently has and has come up with: dry erase white boards with a projector and is fully interactive as an option to pilot/demo. This was the best overall with the capability of the dual purposes for smartboard and whiteboard. The estimated price for removal of the current smartboards and the installation of the new equipment is between \$3500-\$4500 per room. Overall in schools there is a big push for two options in the classroom: 1. a flat panel interactive TV and 2. whiteboards with projectors. The Technology Department has budgeted for up to 3 classrooms to be upgraded and for the piloting of the system to begin.

3. School Performance Reports - follow-up ([attachment](#)):
 - i. Review the data that goes into the School Performance Reports

4. SEL Parent Academy Night Update
 - a. Date set for April 15 (5:30-8:00) with child care ability to sign up for 1 session or both
 - b. [Sessions and presenters](#)
 - i. There will be 2 sessions, each 55 min. The courses will be offered twice for parents who want to go to more or can only make one of the sessions.
 - ii. Registration will be closing this week.

5. Phonics Program Selection (grades 3-5):
 - i. The LA Department has narrowed the search for a new Phonics Program down to approx 3 philosophies.
 - ii. In grades 3-5 there is not a “packaged program” that has resonated with the committee, so the district is exploring adopting more components and philosophies.
 - iii. At this point some sample lessons will occur in various rooms and grades, using the potential programs, to find the right fit for Readington and its needs in the phonics area.

6. Aerospace Update:
 - i. Solberg Airport: March 25 was the professional development day. Some teachers went to Solberg with an agenda and the goals that were given to them. After the meeting was over the teachers came back to the school and reported on their visit. They were thrilled at the prospect of the joint venture that the idea of a class trip came out of the collaborative meeting. This will be in addition to the assembly and the in class programs that are being developed. The committee recommends the field trip.

7. Future Ready Update:
 - i. The first meeting of the Committee was about: what Future Ready is and setting a short term goal of completing the self assessment portion for the spring.

8. Summer Enrichment (program of courses upcoming)
 - i. There are 36 courses tentatively scheduled to run. There are many new instructors offering courses. Summer Enrichment is currently scheduled to run 8-12:30 from July 15 to Aug 1. There will be updates to follow.

9. Student Recognitions at a Spring BOE meeting:
 - i. Dr. Hart proposed an idea to the committee. More information to follow.

10. Upcoming Board Approvals
 - a. Presenters for SEL Parent Night recommended for approval
 - b. Field trip additions and revisions:
 - i. Life Skills trip change of location.
 - ii. The addition of Solberg Airport for 6th grade.
 - iii. Tenement Museum in Brooklyn for Honors 7th grade Students is to complete a book and bring the book to life. This will relate to “A Tree Grows in Brooklyn”. 54 students, 6 chaperones would be attending. The approximate times are 7:30a-3:00p. This trip is on hold until more information can be provided. Trip is scheduled for June.
 - c. Books for Middle School

- i. *The War Below* by Marsha Skrypuch, 6th grade Honors, Historical Fiction
- ii. *The Iron Trial* by Holly Black & Cassandra Clare, 6th grade Honors, Fantasy
 1. Recommended for approval