



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 8, 2021
8:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair
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Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools
Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary
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Minutes

1. Spring Teacher Academy
 - a. 25 sessions in Literacy, Math, SEL, Technology, and Instructional
2. Summer Enrichment Program Update
 - a. ½ day courses, morning or afternoon, 3 or 5 days
 - b. Looking to open 2/12 for pre-registration to identify how many facilitators will be needed
 - c. Categories are Arts and Crafts, Kitchen Creations, and Stem
3. New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) Update
 - a. As of today, State has not canceled NJSLA for 2020 (must be decided by the Federal Gov't 3/15)
 - b. State is allowing to administer the test virtually
 - c. Assessment would take a half day
 - d. Preparation for assessment is 6 days of instructional time under normal circumstances
4. Plans for Additional Math Time at RMS
 - a. Looking into options to provide an additional 30-60 minutes of instructional time per week
5. GoGuardian Beacon Update and Policy
 - a. Filtering, Classroom Management (RMS only), and Beacon are the 3 products we use
 - b. Beacon (Self Harm Monitoring) will be for RMS only
 - c. Communication out to parents after policy approval
6. Student Observers from TCNJ as part of our PDSN (Professional Development School Network)
 - a. TCNJ students will observe (virtually) literacy classrooms beginning in March
7. Texts
 - a. Donation of African American texts for the TBS library in the amount of \$456

- i. All award-winning or highly recommended; Stacey Brown and Ann Romano are reviewing
 - b. Texts related to LGBTQ
 - i. *Sally Ride: A photobiography of America's Pioneering Woman in Space* by Tam O'Shaughnessy (6th grade bookroom)
 - ii. *Trouble Maker for Justice* by Jacqueline Houtman (8th grade bookroom)
 - c. Historical Fiction
 - i. *Becoming Muhammad Ali* by James Patterson and Kwame Alexander (6th grade bookroom)
 - ii. *Brotherhood* by A.B. Westrick (8th grade bookroom)
 - d. Nonfiction for 8th grade Social Studies
 - i. *Never Caught, The Story of Ona Judge* (Young Reader's Edition) by Erica Armstrong Dunbar
 - ii. *Crispus Attucks and African American Patriots of the American Revolution* by Brian Siddons
8. Preview for Next Ed/Tech Meeting: Review of Mid-Year Math and ELA Data
 - a. Information will be used to determine any gaps or areas of instruction that need to be addressed
9. Agenda Items: student observation placements, texts, teacher academy, iReady consultant approval, summer enrichment, other standard Ed/Tech agenda items, PD facilitator approval
10. Next Meeting: Thursday March 11th at 8:30am