



# EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2022

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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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. SEL/Aevidum Updates and Feedback - Mr. Tumolo gave an update to the Committee on the feedback received from Grades 2 and 5 on the Aevidum pilot program. The feedback was similar to the 8th grade surveys, overall positive outcomes. Changes will be made next year to better incorporate the Aevidum curriculum all throughout the year.

The CAP Program will be renewed for Grades 3 and 5 and Teen Cap will be presented in Grade 8.

2. Health and PE Standards - Mrs. Pauch discussed the upcoming changes to the State's new Health and PE Standards that begin in the '22-'23 school year. These changes are for all grades and will include age appropriate curriculum in the areas of personal growth and development, pregnancy and parenting, social and sexual health. The curriculum is being written now and will come before the Board in the September meeting. There will be a parent informational night scheduled in the Fall to review the adopted curriculum.
3. Social Studies Text Adoption - Dr. Brown discussed the need for new Social Studies textbooks for Grades K-5, since our current textbooks circa 2009 do not cover many of the new NJ Learning Standards. The proposed textbooks also include inquiry modules to encourage inquisitive learning which aligns with our district's inquisitive learning goal of the strategic plan.
4. G&T Criteria Follow-up - Dr. Brown reviewed the G&T Criteria for the '22-'23 school year. As discussed previously, the Naglieri Nonverbal Ability Test 3 will replace the OLSAT8 as the District's universal screening test beginning in the Spring of '23. New addition, the Performance Education Thinking Skills (PETS) will be administered in Grades 1-3 as the performance assessment piece of the rubric. Grades 4-8 will continue to use their portfolio as their performance assessment.

5. Behavioral Disabilities program RMS - Mrs. Beegle informed the Committee that the Behavioral Disabilities Classroom at RMS is no longer needed for the '22-'23 school year. Students have either graduated out of the program or have returned to the other special ed or General Ed classrooms. If there is a need going forward, the classroom will be opened once again.
6. Cybersecurity - Mr. Belske discussed several changes to cybersecurity in regards to user login and server access that are necessary for our insurance coverage. Changes for technology users have already begun and need to be fully implemented by the start of insurance policy renewal on July 1.
7. Next Meeting scheduled for April 26 at 8:30am.