



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

May 27, 2022

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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. Technology Update (Guest: Tiffany Barca, TBS Teacher)
 - a. TBS Coding in K-3 video presentation by students of Mrs. Barca
 - b. Multi Factor Authentication Update from Jim Belske on network security with multi factor authentication and privileged access restrictions which are best practices and a requirement for the district's insurance carrier.
 - c. Technology infrastructure and service delivery plan for 2022-2025 has been completed which serves as an internal assessment and plan for the district technology department.
2. Curriculum Revision update by Mrs. Pauch.
 - a. Science K-5 - The biggest change is the insertion of "Climate Change" (as opposed to Global Warming) into the language. Additional updates will be made to incorporate District Green Initiatives when it is revised this summer. Other changes were made to Career Ready, Career Practices, Life Literacy and Key Skills, and Computer Science.
3. Summer Teacher Academy Catalog presented by Mrs. Krial. Great registration turnout so far. District is offering 24 courses and a book club. District is also planning for new teacher orientation, mentor and buddy training, and leadership academy. Also, Mrs. Krial gave a quick update that summer enrichment attendance is going well.
4. Summer Accelerate Learning Plans - Dr. Brown discussed the contract with Littera for ELA. The District has broadened the criteria to allow for more students to participate over the summer. The summer criteria includes students currently in intervention, ELL, and those 2+ grade levels behind on the iReady diagnostic. Of the 215 families invited for summer, 85 accepted. 10 more were invited to bring the number to 95 participants. Space is limited due to Littera. Mrs. Pauch updated the committee on Summer Accelerate plans for Math. The district utilizes teachers from in-house for Math. Littera is piloting a math tutoring program, which could be a possible resource in the future. The criteria for

participation this summer is students with Math grade avg 75 or below and/or those 2+ grade levels behind on iReady Diagnostic. 75 invitations were sent to families, 25 families accepted the services. Mrs. Pauch will be following up with families who did not respond to the invitation. Others may be invited. Since the District is utilizing in-house teachers as tutors, there is limited space for this program.

5. Compensatory Education Law for Special Education: This law, passed in March, ensures that students w IEPs from March 2020 through Sept 2021 received appropriate services according to their IEPs and that students made progress towards their goals. In order to assess if students received adequate services, child study teams need to go back and hold annual meetings, even if they have already completed 2021-2022 meetings, and fulfill any obligations that may have been missed. The District was ahead of this law by already providing 1:1 tutoring, Extended School Year option with an additional hour of support, and the Accelerate Learning Program. The district anticipates that some services may and will need to be provided to fulfill services that were missed during the pandemic.
6. RMS Study Skills for Special Education: The District will be offering a new class to eligible special education students in the fall. The class will be a study skills class focusing on study habits, organization, planning, and executive functioning. This will replace an elective or World Language course. No additional staff will be required.
7. Texts to approve:
 - a. *I am Jazz* by Jazz Jennings (grades 4-5 read aloud/classroom library) This book is written by a transgender author and it is about her experience as a young transgender girl. While the district has books about acceptance for this grade level, there are no classroom books at HBS on the topic of being transgender, there are at RMS.
8. Agenda items: Summer Teacher Academies, ESY, student teachers, other typical agenda items
9. Next Meeting: June 16 at 8:30am. Topics include the Agenda for DEI Leadership Training and Health/PE presentation