



# EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

February 6, 2023

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Randall Peach, Carolyn Podgorski, Justina Ryan

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 (absent)

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor (absent)

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Dr. Jonathan Moss (agenda item #1)

## Agenda

1. Montclair State Risk Protective Factors Survey (Dr. Moss)- Our district has been randomly selected to participate in the Middle School Risk and Protective Factors Survey. Dr. Moss presented information about the survey from Montclair State. The potential dates for administering the survey are March 15th for 8th grade and March 16th for 7th grade. Survey would be administered in Social Studies classes via zoom. Parent permission required, if students send in the permission form they will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card, regardless of participation. Students without parent permission will work on a different in class assignment. Survey has been administered since 1999, our district has participated in the past. Dr. Moss will ask Montclair State some questions based on committee feedback. The survey needs board approval and will be included on the February 21 agenda if Administrators decide to seek approval. More information to follow.
2. Start Strong Assessment Results Preview- Mrs. Pauch and Dr. Brown gave a report on the district's Start Strong Results. The test was administered in September and is based on prior-year academic standards. It is a quick test lasting between 45-60 minutes. Teachers were provided with student data immediately. Districtwide data was received in January and the district is required to report this to the community. English Language Arts - Overall, our district improved in % of students falling into the Less Support May be Needed category. Math - large majority of students are in Less Support Needed category. Science - positive trend toward Less Support May be Needed. Overall positive trends in our district compared to the state average.
3. ESSER Program Updates
  - a. YMCA - STEAM and Reading after school clubs for grades K-5 are starting today. Very popular filled within 24 hours.
  - b. Huntington Learning Center - The district is starting a new partnership with Huntington Learning Center for Math tutoring onsite at the Middle School on Tuesdays and Thursdays, both before

and after school. Students needing this additional tutoring were identified using iReady Diagnostic and NJSLA. There will be 4 or less students per tutoring class, grouped by like skills. There are 17 families participating. The program starts Feb 9th after board approval and runs through April 27th.

4. March Parent Academy - The district is hosting a March Parent Academy on Tuesday, March 28th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Holland Brook School. The evening will have 2 sessions of learning, plus keynote speaker and music workshops by staff and students. More information to follow, save the date.
5. March In-service - The committee reviewed the March 17th In-service schedule for approval.
6. Spring Teacher Academy The Committee reviewed the Staff facilitators for approval. Reminder to teachers: Deadline for registration is February 15th.
7. Quarterly Tech Update - Jim Belske gave a report on proposed/upcoming technology projects for the district. The areas needing upgrades include: Core Network Switch Upgrade, Phone System Migration to Cloud, and Video Camera upgrades. These items are included in the Technology budget presentation.
8. Agenda items: Start Strong Presentation, Huntington Learning Center, Teacher Academy staff approvals, Montclair survey approval (Feb 21 agenda)
9. Next Meeting: March 10 @ 8:30am

#### **Summaries of Curriculum Revisions**

N/A