



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2023

Virtual Meeting - 8:30 A.M.

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

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

Minutes

1. Fall Teacher Academy Catalog - Mrs. Krial gave an update on the Fall Teacher Academy. There are 21 sessions, facilitated by teaching staff and administrators. The professional development sessions are aligned to the strategic plan. One difference this year is that staff members will receive 1:1 excused absence flex time on half-day teacher in-service days in Feb and May for every hour of teacher academy attendance.
2. Updates to Professional Development Plan and Mentoring Plan with new standards - Mrs. Krial also gave an update on the Professional Development Plan and Mentoring Plan. There were no substantive changes since this was recently approved. The changes were simply formatting on PDP and frequency of mentor meetings on Mentoring Plan as per no state requirements.
3. NJSLA Results Review - Dr. Brown, Mrs. Pauch, Mrs. Beegle, and Mr. Tumolo gave a draft presentation on the NJSLA results from the Spring, which will be shown to Board Members at the October Board Meeting. Students have shown tremendous growth in ELA, Math, and Science, outperforming the state average in every grade level. These results also show that student performance has returned to pre-pandemic levels in ELA and Science in all grades and most grades in Math. Dynamic Learning Map Grades and Multilingual Learners also showed tremendous improvement. The Multilingual Learner cohort, which has students cycle in and out, has seen a lot of flux over the past several years so those results are not fully reliable.
4. Curricular Revisions - Sections of 9.4 Standards Career Readiness have been updated to comply with QSAC. Detailed updates are listed below.

A board member questioned the book 'George' by Alex Gino, which is an optional book in the 6th Grade ELA Curriculum. Administrators responded that 'George' has been in the curriculum since 2017. Parents were notified in the beginning of the year that this book is available as an optional read and they could

opt out if they don't want their child reading it. The notification letter is posted on the weekly genesis. Several parents have asked to preview the book, which they did. A book challenge would need to be submitted to remove this book from the curriculum.

5. Assessment Calendar and NAEP - Dr. Hart notified the committee that our district was selected to take the National Assessment of Educational Progress for 4th grade this year in Math and ELA. Only a handful of students will be asked to participate, the State will administer the test sometime between Jan 29- Mar 8. The Assessment Calendar will be updated to reflect this additional assessment.

Agenda items: NJSLA presentation, curricular revisions, CAP grant, fall Teacher Academy stipends

Next Meeting: Nov 28 at 8:30

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section.

- Kindergarten ELA
- Second Grade English Language Arts Curriculum
- Fifth Grade English Language Arts Curriculum
- Sixth Grade English Language Arts Curriculum
- Seventh Grade English Language Arts Curriculum
- Eighth Grade English Language Arts Curriculum
- Sixth Grade Social Studies
- Chinese Grade 6 Curriculum
- Chinese Grade 7 Curriculum
- Chinese Grade 8 Curriculum
- French Curriculum Grade 6
- French Curriculum Grade 7
- French Curriculum Grade 8
- Grade 6 Spanish
- Grade 7 Spanish Curriculum
- Grade 8 Spanish Curriculum
- Spanish Grade K-5 Curriculum

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Revised pacing guide, general music and chorus sections of each unit, course description

- Music Curriculum 6-8 Readington

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Revised Learning Activities to reflect updated resources and lessons in InquirED

- Kindergarten Social Studies
- 1st Grade Social Studies
- 2nd Grade Social Studies

- 3rd Grade Social Studies
- 4th Grade Social Studies

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Revised Pacing Guide

Addition of Modules 4 and 5 to Unit 1

Addition of Checks and Balances lesson to Unit 3

- 5th Grade Social Studies

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Reordering of units

- Seventh Grade Social Studies

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Updated pacing guide

- Eighth Grade Social Studies
- Eighth Grade Civics

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Revised Pacing Guide

Addition of Up the Ladder Reading and Writing Nonfiction Units

- Fourth Grade English Language Arts Curriculum

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Addition of a Literary Essay Unit

- Third Grade English Language Arts Curriculum

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Revised Pacing Guide

More specific lesson information added to launching reading and writing units

- First Grade English Language Arts Curriculum

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Updated Formatting to align with other subject areas

- Math Kindergarten
- First Grade Math
- Second Grade Math
- Third Grade Math
- Fourth Grade Math
- Fifth Grade Math
- Sixth Grade Math
- Seventh Grade Math
- Eighth Grade Math
- Math Honors 6 and Advanced 7th
- Algebra I
- Algebra II

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

- Science K-5

Addition of 9.4 standards to the activities already approved in the Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills Section

Updated Literacy, Reading, and Writing Companion Standards

- Science 6-8