

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

On Tuesday, February 6, 2018 the Curriculum & Technology Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Principal Conference Room. The following people were in attendance: Mrs. Heine, Mr. Dressler, Mrs. Fazzini, Dr. Goodin, Mrs. Bast, Mr. Catalano, Mrs. Gardy, Mrs. Rochlin, Mr. DiBello, Mr. Fink, Dr. Nugent, Dr. Weidenbaugh, Mrs. Long, Dr. Patschke, Mrs. Bernat, and Mr. Cromley

CALL TO ORDER

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Mrs. Bast provide our **Good news!** For February - NASA just invited Dan Leppold, 9th Grade Science Teacher, to tour their facilities at the Langley Research Facility on February 12th. He will share more details soon. The competition for this opportunity was pretty fierce, so he is quite happy and honored to attend.

I. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY** - None

II. **MINUTES** - None presented

III. **NEW BUSINESS**

Question regarding PSSA follow up from fall presentation. The CIA department, along with principals continue to analyze data and work with teacher teams to implement change and/or support where needed. A board presentation will be given on February 26, 2018 outlining some of the action steps we've taken, as well as outlining the new PSSA (again) and Future Ready PA Index.

Curriculum:

1. **ELA** - Mrs. Gardy provided the following ELA updates:

- a. The *Journeys* program is going well. Data assessment review for mid-year has taken place. Data has been shared with building Principals.
- b. Monthly professional development is occurring in grades 5-7. The focus has been on TDAs, writing practices, and student engagement strategies
- c. Literacy Night is coming up on March 20th. It will be held at UPE from 6:30-8:00.
- d. 8th grade English meetings have been occurring monthly to provide PD and discuss the revision of the curriculum documents.

2. **Math** – Mrs. Rochlin provided the following Math updates:

- a. CPM Coaching is scheduled for February 27th, March 6th for Algebra 1 & Geometry classrooms.
- b. Upcoming in-service plans (February 16th) are set: CPM training for Algebra 1, 2 and Geometry and Glencoe training for grades 7 & 8
- c. Science resource for grades 5 and 6: Glencoe Earth and Space Science text and associated resources.

3. **Other** –

- a. Mrs. Bast reported that her department is conducting a K-12 assessment review to ensure the measures we have in place accurately identify and support students (from struggling to high achieving), more to come when we seek approval for purchase: SS (9th) and Science Review (Physics) will seek approval for purchase in March or April; We continue our work with the Act 339 plan, Federal Audit (3/2/18) and McKinney Vento Audit (2/13/18); AP Research; and District Comprehensive planning and the In-service 2/16/18.

- b. Mrs. Bast asked about approval for Pre-K Readiness Program Data & permission to continue this summer. This does not need board approval since it is in our budget. Pre-Kindergarten data was shared at the C&T meeting. Kindergarten screenings will take place on 5/21 & 5/23. The Pre-Kindergarten program will run 6/25/18-7/26/18.
- c. Mrs. Bast requested approval to put the purchase of 5/6 Science materials - Permission granted to put on February board agenda for approval.

Technology

- 1. **Updating Raptor scanners** - Spring-Ford uses Raptor for our visitor management system. Raptor allows us to screen visitors, that don't have current clearances, against registered sex offender databases in all 50 states. District wide, we have been using this software successfully for years. Recently the state of Pennsylvania released a new 2D Image license that no longer has an electronic strip on the back. Raptor's old scanners do not support the new license format. This forced all but two of our schools to manually scan licenses into the raptor system. While this work around still checks against the offending databases, and keeps our children safe, it is time consuming for building secretaries. Raptor has released a new scanner that is capable of scanning these new licenses. We have purchased 11 of these scanners and will have them installed by February 14th.

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- 1. **Modernized Learning** – Dr. Goodin, Mrs. Bast and Mr. Fink provide a presentation Future Plans for Modernized Learning. The presentation shared outlined the district's plan for technology K-12 including the deployment of laptops to our 9-12 students. Personnel, budgeting, curriculum & technology supports were included in the presentation. We will revise this to reflect what would be presented to the full board and will bring a student representative to our March C&T meeting.

Questions arose about Science equipment and programs, as well as Modernized Learning project. We will have Science representation at the next C&T meeting – a high level Science teacher who is also in the Modernized Learning program.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ACTIONABLE ITEMS – Science 5/6 Resource purchase

IX. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING – Next meeting Tuesday, March 14^h 6:30pm HS Principal Conference Room

X. BOARD COMMENT

X. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

XI. ADJOURNMENT