

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Curriculum & Technology COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes

On Wednesday, November 7, 2018 the Curriculum & Technology Committee meeting was held in the DO conference room. The following people were in attendance: Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Fazzini, Dr. Dressler, Mrs. Bast, Mr. Catalano, Dr. Roche, Mrs. Gardy, Mrs. Rochlin, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Zimmerman, Mr. Scheck.

DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

Spring-Ford Area School District strives to be educationally relevant, focused on achievement and growth, and have a priority on people so that students are fully prepared to positively contribute to their society.

CALL TO ORDER at 6:35pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

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

II. MINUTES – Shared and accepted minutes from April, June, September, October

III. GOOD NEWS!

Congrats to Spring-Ford duo, Chris and Ryan, who won the Lockheed Martin CYBERQUEST Contest on October 20, 2018! Lockheed Martin CYBERQUEST is a cyber competition where teams of High School Students work together to solve offense and defensive cyber challenges in a capture the flag format to complete the "quest." The Spring-Ford team used extraordinary problem-solving skills to capture the victory. Seniors Chris Lambert and Ryan Weast placed 1st at the King of Prussia site for the Lockheed Martin CYBERQUEST Competition and 3rd overall among the teams at the six sites throughout the US and the UK.

We are looking forward to **Math Night – November 12, 2018**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum:

1. Business & Computer Technology Information- Mr. Jamie Scheck & Mrs. Kelly German- See power point presentation. We will be reworking the Accounting class to align with AICPA, with request for resources later this year.
2. Data update- Future Ready PA Index set to be released mid-November, data presentation scheduled for November 19, 2018
3. Updates –
 - A. ELA, Math, Both Catie and Heidi are working with teachers to analyze MAP data and transfer this knowledge to instruction (grades 3-8).
 - B. Heidi continues the K-4 Math curriculum review- the committee is viewing products this month and next.

V. Technology:

1. Modernized/Spring-Ford learning preparation for next year continues - preparations for deployment to all 9th grade students, infrastructure, human resources and training.

2. Projector Project – Phase 2 status update – Learned some lessons with vendor we were not happy with. Install taking place with training. Looking for a solution for showing announcements when subs are in classrooms.
3. Fresh Service – Update – New help desk and inventory platform service. Inventory began this week. IF ready, will go with live date of December 3rd, but that could change- want to make sure all is right before we move over bad data.
4. New Phone system progress- Doing homework- looked at three different systems. Will go see systems at different school districts to talk with those using systems, and evaluate cost. Goal to implement in summer for next school year- on schedule.

VI. Curriculum & Technology:

1. Training for Modernizing Learning grades 9-12 continues, both with Cohort V and the full 9th grade staff. The 7th & 8th grade teachers will continue to receive training this year with similar concepts- the implementation of the Spring-Ford Learning Model.
2. Hybrid classrooms are up and running! Monitoring the use of digital content to ensure it is being used with the fidelity the programs call for so students make growth.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

1. School start time issue arose again. Mr. Fitzgerald outlined a process to follow at the last board meeting, to charge Dr. Goodin and/or an ad hoc committee with investigation of the topic. Dr. Dressler will follow up with Dr. Goodin.
2. Questions about “flex” days arose – kids working from home on a snow day, for example. Have we talked about that here? Not at great depth.

VIII. ACTIONABLE ITEMS – None for this month

IX. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting January 9, 2019 at 6:30PM in DO Conference Room

X. BOARD COMMENT None

XI. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD None

XII. ADJOURNMENT 7:40PM