

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

CURRICULUM & TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINTUES

On Thursday, September 6, 2018 the Curriculum & Technology Committee meeting was held in the DO conference room. The following people were in attendance: Mrs. Heine, Mrs. Fazzini, Mrs. Bast, Mr. Catalano, Mrs. Gardy and Mr. Cromley

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-

ANNOUNCEMENTS-

GOOD NEWS! We are happy to engage our families each year with these three events (and more!) We appreciate the teacher support and opportunity to partner with families.

1. Back to Spring-Ford Night was a big success for the 3rd year in a row!
2. Math Night – November 12, 2018
3. Literacy Night - March 26, 2019

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

II. MINUTES - None

III. NEW BUSINESS

Curriculum:

1. Act 339 update- Presentation of plan to the board on September 24, 2018- PDE is requiring all schools to complete a plan outlining their school counseling program. Also included are aspects of new ESSA requirements for college and career readiness. We have been providing many opportunities for college and career readiness. I will present the full Act 339 plan including the career exploration from 3rd-12th grade, as well as outside work experience/opportunities.
2. Data update- Future Ready PA Index set to be released in October, data presentation scheduled for October 22, 2018 – We have seen a very small preview and will review the new “dashboard” system when it is opened to the public. The C&I team has analyzed all data to date including Keystones, PSSA, end of year, and beginning of year testing. Our data analysis continues all year as we and principals work with teachers to meet individual needs of students.
3. Ram Quest is up and running in 5th and 6th grade- thanks to all RQ teachers for their hard work this summer! Trish Glass and the K-4 RQ teachers met several times over the summer to build curriculum. Heather worked hard to equip the 5/6 RQ room with all needs and we are off and running. High compliments to all RQ teachers for their hard work and support of one another to bring good things to students!
4. NWEA testing has begun- much work took place over the summer to ready teachers, administrators and technology to implement this new assessment system – Thanks to all! MUCH time, energy and effort went in to setting up this system- thanks to technology,

Reading Specialist, IST, coaches, Mrs. lanetta, Mrs. Rochlin, and Mrs. Gardy for their hard work and support. We look forward to utilizing this information to help all students grow and succeed.

5. ELA Updates – Mrs. Gardy provided the following updates:
 - a. Pre-Kindergarten Readiness program has concluded. We had 22 students participate in the program. The program had one classroom teacher and one instructional assistant. A satisfaction survey was sent to parents we received very positive feedback and plan to continue the program next summer.
 - b. Literacy Night will be held on Tuesday, March 26th at UPE. More details will follow.
6. Math Updates – Mrs. Rochlin provided the following updates:
 - a. Focusing on K-12 Number talks in each classroom, Professional learning provided and teacher are excited
 - b. CPM Algebra II implementation has begun with training and support.
7. Other Updates –
 - a. Curriculum Review has started for the areas below. Purchases will likely be requested later this year (it had been budgeted).
 - i. K-4 Math,
 - ii. Health and
 - iii. PE,
 - iv. FCS, and
 - v. Art
 - vi. 10th grade Social Studies curriculum.
 - b. New teacher orientation and induction successful- 20 new teachers attended

Technology:

1. Network upgrade update- 630 access point, 133 switches deployed, tweaks are happening to maximize efficiency; guest access will be given now in the building with specific personnel (starts next week). Can give for up to 3 days, can monitor use & revoke if needed.
2. Technology refresh – deployed 4,158 pieces of equipment (laptops, carts, ipads, monitors, etc.; need to do staff iPads next week (refresh of old-123); visiting buildings to see how things are going
3. Interactive projector project – Phase 2 of 5 paused until next week, will get them out with some training for teachers. (about 120 going out, average of 10-12 per building).
4. Modernized/Spring-Ford learning preparation for next year - Year from today we will be fully 1:1 at 9th grade. Planning for policy, communication, implementation continues. Room 103 at 9GC is the tech room in 9GC to support the program and ready for 10-12.
5. New help desk system- Freshservice (help desk/inventory systems) in budget, will be on this month's board agenda. Approximately \$22,000.

Curriculum & Technology:

1. Training for Modernizing Learning grades 9-12 has begun, both with Cohort V and the full 9th grade staff. The 7th & 8th grade teachers will receive training this year with similar concepts- the implementation of the Spring-Ford Learning Model.
2. Hybrid classrooms are up and running!

IV. OTHER BUSINESS - None

V. ACTIONABLE ITEMS - Contract for Fresh Service system (help desk/inventory system)

VI. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING: Next meeting October 2, 2018 at 6:30pm in the DO Conference Room

VII. BOARD COMMENT- None

VIII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD- None

IX. ADJOURNMENT- The meeting was adjourned by Mrs. Heine at 8:00PM