

SPRING-FORD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum & Technology COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 10th 2020
7:30 p.m. in the DO Front Conference Room

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 7:40 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

I. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY None

II. MINUTES

Minutes were accepted

III. GOOD NEWS

IV. ON THE RADAR: TRENDS AND UPDATES

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum

1. University of Pitt Partnership Initiative

A presentation was given by Dr. Murray regarding the opportunity to offer Dual Enrollment for French 4 and French 5 through a partnership with University of Pittsburgh. Students will have the opportunity to earn a transcript from University of Pittsburgh for each course and pay \$75/credit (\$225/course) to earn college credit. This opportunity will be effective for the 2020-21 school year.

2. Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum Integration

Dr. Murray shared that moving forward Social Emotional Learning Competencies would be embedded within the district curriculum documentation to ensure that explicit skills were being connected, where appropriate, within the curriculum

3. Next Steps:

a. RAMS Virtual Academy Initiative

Dr. Murray shared a proposal with the committee for consideration to move forward with planning a fully integrated Spring-Ford Virtual Academy. The plan emphasized the use of Spring-Ford teachers for instruction and would address a variety of needs and extend educational choices for Spring-Ford families. With the support of the committee, the curriculum department will move forward with planning and will bring updates to the committee.

4. Math/Science/Music:

1. PaSmart Grant (update on Targeted grant 18-19, and Advancing grant 19-20)

Heidi Rochlin shared that we are still awaiting notification from the Department of Education regarding the results of the grant application. The website indicates that the recipients will be announced in February 2020.

2. Marching Band Uniforms

Heidi Rochlin shared pictures of the new middle school marching band uniforms and requested that the board approve the purchase of the marching band uniforms from the capital reserve.

5. ELA/Social Studies/Library:

1. Social Studies K-5 curriculum review update

Mrs. Gardy shared with the committee the K-5 resource review and presented the committee's findings. A recommendation to purchase Scholastic News (grades K-2) and Pearson MyWorld Interactive (grades 3-5) was presented.

2. Finalized review of AP Capstone Databases

Mrs. Gardy shared that Spring-Ford students can access guest access at any Penn State campus with proper identification to create a guest account. Additionally, Mrs. Gardy shared that Spring-Ford students have access to the same or commensurate databases as other districts with AP Capstone courses.

B. Technology:

1. Master Service Agreement Updates

Bob Catalano shared updates regarding the current status of Master Service Agreements

2. Modernized Learning

Bob Catalano presented a review of the Spring-Ford Learning Technology Support plan, which outlined the distribution of devices through 2027. Within the presentation, Mr. Catalano shared that we are currently on pace and budget to ensure device deployment, which includes the distribution of Chromebooks in the 2020-21 school year for students in grades 9, 11 and 12, resulting in all students in grade 9-12 with a district-issued device.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

VI. ACTIONABLE ITEMS

Request for the following items to be moved to the full Board Work session for consideration:

- 1) Approval of Middle School Marching Band Uniforms (\$98,078.25)
- 2) Approval of purchase of Scholastic News for K-2 Social Studies (\$11,000 annual cost)
- 3) Approval of purchase of Pearson "My World" Text and 7-year digital bundle (\$148,281.47)
- 4) Approval of Purchase of E-911 Licenses for SF Police. (\$5000 one-time cost)

VII. NEEDS FOR NEXT MEETING:

VIII. BOARD COMMENT

IX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD

X. ADJOURNMENT 9:09 PM