

**Boyertown Area School District
Curriculum Committee
September 24, 2013
Minutes**

Mrs. Semmens, Curriculum Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm in the Earl Elementary Library.

Board members in attendance: Mr. Crossley, Dr. Christman, Mrs. Dierolf, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Usavage, Mrs. Semmens, and Mr. Elsier

Administration in attendance: Dr. Faidley, Mr. Scoboria, Mr. Miller, and Mrs. Woodard

Members of the Public: 4

Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance and observed a moment of silence.

The minutes from the July 16, 2013 meeting were approved.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Presentation and Discussion

Mrs. Semmens began by welcoming everyone and introduced Mrs. Woodard.

Mrs. Woodard began by updating the board on the organization of the Lead Teacher positions. She explained that each of the lead teachers would be speaking to the group. Prior to the start of the lead teacher presentation, Mrs. Hart introduced the iPad Mini tool to the committee members. Mrs. Hart explained how to log onto the device and shared a little information about the Nearpod app which they would be using for their presentation.

Each of the lead teachers shared a little about themselves as well as their goals for the year. Many of the goals centered around curriculum with a focus on supporting the teachers throughout the transition to the Common Core. Lead teachers for the 13-14 school year include:

Becca Hart – Library, Business Ed and Technology Integration

Dan Bliss – Science, Math and Tech Ed

Michael Jordan – Art and Music

Miranda Johnson – ELA, Social Studies and NJROTC

Lucie Bergeyova – Heath, Physical Education and Family Consumer Sciences

Dr. Sara Obarow – Elementary – She was unable to attend the meeting due to a medical concern

Following the presentation Mr. Nichols shared that he is excited about the STEM components and is supportive of them. He also shared the importance of students studying a foreign language at the younger grades.

Mr. Elsier offered thanks to the lead teachers. He also asked specifically what classes and curricula would benefit most from technology incorporation. Mrs. Hart shared that every discipline can be enhanced by technology. He went on to ask if there is a long range plan for technology. Mrs. Hart shared that she and Scott Major have been meeting with principals to gather information. Mrs. Woodard responded that we are working to devise a multi-year plan which will be shared in the near future.

Mrs. Semmens thanked the Board for their support of the lead teacher positions.

Mrs. Usavage echoed Mrs. Semmens remarks and also thanked the lead teachers.

Mrs. Woodard next introduced Mr. Miller who shared information with the Board related to the new School Performance Profile.

Mr. Miller began the discussion by explaining the School Performance Profile (SPP) is one component of the Educator Effectiveness System. The PA School Performance Profile has taken the place of Adequate Yearly Progress. A score will be provided to every school (private schools are not included) and is scheduled for release on October 4, 2013. The score for a school is based upon multiple indicators which define high performing schools. The system takes into account achievement, growth (all students and growth of historically underperforming groups, graduation rate, promotion rate, attendance rate, AP/SAT/PLAN participation). It enables community stakeholders the opportunity to compare schools. This information will provide educators with another piece of data that will help us to define strengths and areas of need which will help us to engage in school improvement action planning. The maximum score that can be earned by a school is 100. More specific information pertaining to the scores of BASD will be shared during the October 8th Curriculum Committee meeting.

Finally, Mrs. Woodard shared written summary of the ADAP (Adolescent Depression Awareness Program). Due to limited time she asked the committee to read over the item and offered to address any questions at the next curriculum committee meeting.

Public Comment

There were no public comments.

Announcements

October 8, 2013 Curriculum Committee Meeting, Education Center, 6:00 p.m.

November 19, 2013 Curriculum Committee Meeting, Education Center, 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Semmens adjourned the meeting at 6:55 pm.