



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November 3, 2020
8:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair
Andrew Saunders, Thomas Wallace

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools
Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary
Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor
Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor
Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor
Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator
Christine Crielly (RMS Counselor, agenda item 1)

Minutes

1. CAP Update (Child Assault and Prevention Program)
 - a. All teachers participated in training on PD
 - b. Offered to parents at virtual parent training in October
 - c. Resources available on Counselors' website
 - d. Middle School student workshops through January
 - i. Motto: "Students should feel safe, strong and free"
 - e. Program will help teach self-advocacy skills
2. TCNJ Professional Development Network Agreement
 - a. November 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, cost reduced by approximately 50%
 - b. Workshops are up and running
 - c. Committee recommends approval
3. Technology Ambassadors Program
 - a. Position created in response to virtual learning and recommended by *The Road Back* DOE document; grade-level point person for technology best practices
 - b. 9 total ambassadors, 4 meetings to share information
 - c. Pilot Year to determine if this is needed beyond the virtual learning environment
4. SEL Updates
 - a. Wellness Check-ins
 - i. Once weekly in November, February, and April during Academic Support at RMS, homeroom teachers in K-5
 - ii. Google questionnaire, looking to identify students who need support and look for trends in the months between questionnaire
 - b. SEL events
 - i. 4 parent events throughout the year, committee is working with Student Voice

- ii. Nov 18: Self-Awareness and Self-Management - how parents can help support with children at home
 1. Presentation followed by Q&A dialog
5. Research Proposal from Matt Hall, Supervisor at Central
 - a. "STEM instructional program design as a representation of teacher beliefs about how student knowledge is constructed at three suburban middle schools in Hunterdon, NJ"
 - b. Involves interviews with teachers, students are not involved
 - c. Committee recommends approval
6. Winter Sports Guidelines
 - a. Committee agreed to delay a decision on winter sports
7. Special Education and Reopening
 - a. Currently only self-contained are in school 4 days
 - b. Working on bringing back students with behavior plans and one-on-one aides, as well as students in resource centers beginning in very small numbers based on the current COVID situation.
8. Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Discussion
 - a. Potentially working with the high school on learnings from their committee and how we can utilize that information. Can we wrap their framework into part of our SEL program
 - b. Revisions have been made to curriculum documents that include SEL standards in discussions
 - i. Discussion arose regarding questions from parents, and the need for parents to discuss any issues with teachers to understand the conversations (educating parents on the instructional purpose)
9. Texts Related to Contributions of the LGBTQ Community and Persons with Disabilities:
 - a. *Respecting the Contributions of Disabled Americans* by Sloan MacRae, 6th grade bookroom
 - b. *Respecting the Contributions of LGBT Americans* by Anna Kingston, 6th grade bookroom
 - c. *Chuck Close: Face Book* by Chuck Close, 6th grade bookroom or art (disabilities)
 - d. *LGBTQ+ Athletes Claim the Field: Striving for Equality* by Kirstin Cronn-Mills, 7th grade bookroom
 - e. *Totally Joe* by James Howe, Fiction 6th grade bookroom
10. Technology: iPad Deployment for Kindergarten
 - a. Swapping out iPads instead of chromebooks
 - b. Goal is to distribute in December
11. Agenda Items: TCNJ professional development agreement, SEL event approvals, book approvals
12. Next Meeting: Monday November 30th at 8:30am