

EDUCATION/POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 7, 2021

5:30 P.M.

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Committee Members			Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Gale Husack - Chairperson	X Jennifer Butz	Monday, August 2, 2021 Tuesday, September 7, 2021
X	Michele Martineau. - Co-Chair	David Hauser	Monday, October 4, 2021 Monday, November 1, 2021
X	Michelle Heckman	X Eric Hill	
	Robert Keegan, Jr.	Gene Marks	
X	Matt Link	X Scott Pyne	
X	Tania Stoker	X James Schnyderite	
X	Jill Chamberlain	X Robert Vlasaty	
X	Michele Dotta	Tim Weaber	

Also in attendance: Carson Heckman, Frank Gnas, Gary Fedorcha

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EDUCATION

- NLMS Curriculum Guide 2021-2022
 - Mrs. Chamberlain, NLMS Principal, explained the changes to the guide. There are staff name changes due to retirement. For grade 7, introducing a course called Essential Skills and Financial Literacy. It is a 45-day class where students will complete lessons in the College/Career for Every Student essential skills. For grade 8, there will be Intro to Spanish for a 45-day class.
 - Dr. Stoker commented that these extra courses came about because there were two art classes in the middle school last year and based upon some of the staffing changes in other departments, that freed up some space in 7th and 8th grade to include these classes. These classes will expand the horizons of the students.

- Mrs. Husack commented that she loves the Essential Skills and Financial Literacy course. How will this continue to roll or is it just a 7th grade course? Is it for every student or is it an elective? Mrs. Chamberlain commented that every 7th student will have this course and in the 8th grade it'll be reinforced during flex time. They will then continue it at the high school level. Mr. Vlasaty added that the course is also reinforced through Xello and future ready skills at the high school level. It's a nice collaboration between middle school and high school. Dr. Stoker added that she would like to thank Neffs Bank because they reached out to the district and promoted this curriculum. They are sponsoring the curriculum for the district. Mrs. Husack commented that she thinks it's such an important class for individuals to learn not just on the business side, but the personal side also.
- Committee members present agreed to move the NLMS Curriculum Guide to the June board agenda.
- 2021-2022 Student Handbooks
 - Dr. Stoker presented the handbooks which are for all the schools. The elementary handbook combines Peters and Slatington Elementary. The entire handbooks were presented with a change sheet showing changes to the handbook. Dr. Stoker turned the presentation over to the principals.
 - Elementary Handbook and Change Sheet
 - Mr. Schnyderite, Peters Elementary Principal, and Mr. Pyne, Slatington Elementary Principal, presented the changes to the handbook. Staff changes will be updated. Added the Agreement for Chromebook/Laptop Use. Updated the language in the attendance section for Student Attendance Improvement Plans. Added language regarding truancy. Added the language for free breakfast and lunch for the 2021-2022 SY.
 - Mrs. Husack asked if our second School Police Officer (SPO) would be added to the district personnel page? Dr. Stoker explained that in the past only administrators were listed on the page. Mr. Fedorcha asked if there was some place else that the SPO would be listed as a staff member? Mr. Fedorcha feels it would be wise to have the additional SPO listed in all of the handbooks. Dr. Stoker commented that they will review each of the handbooks and add the second SPO.
 - Committee members present agreed to move the Elementary Handbook to the June board agenda.
 - Middle School Handbook and Change Sheet

district does have a few teachers who are using it and these people could help to lead professional development sessions. The district would need to do some on-board training to get everyone prepared to use the program. Representatives from Imagine Learning will be helping to get the program and teachers up-and-running. Mrs. Husack asked if it is a K-12 learning program? Dr. Stoker commented that it would apply K-12 but at the high school level they only have certain components. At this point, the district is looking to use it K-6 but there is possibility to use it beyond that as well.

- Committee members present agreed to move Imagine Learning to the June board agenda.

Dr. Stoker asked Mr. Hill if there were any public questions. Mr. Hill commented that there were no public questions.

Mrs. Husack commented that based on information that has been sent out in regards to AR learning for reading, she's glad to see it coming back. She thinks it's an accountability aspect and a fun activity at some level for the students to see that. She loved what the teachers did in the elementary with Class Dojo and posting when they met those goals. It gave those students a little bit of an extra push. She's glad to see some changes being made with things that we've tried and making changes and not staying status quo. Dr. Stoker commented that the district is looking to bring AR back especially to get the love of reading back for students. Mr. Pyne commented that it made sense to not have it because of not being able to get books in kids hands this year. It's a good program to service the students.

Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.