

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, February 6, 2017
Agenda

Attendance: A. Shinn, B. Sargent, C. Filler, W. Doran, K. Tucker, S. Pauch, J. Belske, S. Brown

1. February 17th Inservice Schedule (Barb)
 - a. The committee reviewed the Inservice schedule of courses which teachers may choose from.
This has been shared with the full Board and stipends posted for approval at the Board meeting
2. Summer Slump data (End of year vs. Beginning of year literacy) (Stacey)
 - a. The committee reviewed data comparing the students' test scores from June 2016 and then again for September 2016 to see any patterns in the drop from the end of the year and how it affected the beginning of the school year.
3. Preview of Instructional Program Placement (Sarah, Stacey, Karen)
 - a. The committee reviewed criteria for placement in various Gifted and Talented courses, Intervention courses as well as Special Ed. placement. The rubrics as well as benchmarks were reviewed and discussed. These have not changed from last year's review.
 - i. Gifted and Talented and Enrichment:
 1. K-1 can be placed in Enrichment
 2. 2-5 can be placed in Gifted and Talented in specific units which may be cross curricular (covers material in different subject areas within the same unit)
 3. 6-7 can be placed in Quest, which is embedded into the LA content and co-taught by the G/T teacher and the LA teacher.
 4. 8 can take part in a Passion Project which is a self directed Gifted activity.
 5. Special Ed. is a continuum process. Children are constantly monitored for changes in their progress to ensure proper placement
 6. This presentation was shared with the full Board at the February 7th meeting.

4. Proposal for Honors 7th grade LA (Stacey)
 - i. Readington currently has an 8th Grade Honors Literacy program. Mrs. Brown is looking to expand the program to 7th grade. This would enrich our Literacy program and address the strong reader/writers in 7th grade
 - ii. The projection at this time is that 2 classes can be formed using the current criteria.
5. Budget preview (Barb)
 - a. Dr. Sargent gave a preliminary review of the budget as it relates to the Curriculum and Instruction to the committee
6. Technology Committee meeting summary (Jim)
 - a. Mr. Belske presented feedback on the 6th Grade 1 to 1 Chromebook program
 - i. Students are excited and passionate about their individual Chromebooks and had positive feedback overall. Some negatives were given but very minor and Mr. Belske and his team are working to correct these. One example: after changing classes some computers take longer than a minute to restart.
 - ii. The administrative team is interested in having this program continue through all grades in RMS for the next school year and has included this in the 2017-2018 proposed budget
7. 8th grade ceremony (Barb)
 - i. Dr. Sargent presented the committee with options to hold 8th Grade Promotion Ceremony for this year. Hunterdon Central has informed Dr. Sargent that the location used in the past is not available for this year due to construction.
 - ii. As we move through the next few weeks, dates, times as well as locations and options will be narrowed down and presented to the Committee as well as the Board.