

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, October 10, 2016

8:30 a.m.

Agenda

1. 2017-18 School Calendar
 - o Committee reviewed the preliminary draft

2. Novels for approval

Animal Farm

Lord of the Flies

The Pearl (*already approved and in book closet*)

- These novels will be used for whole class study in 8th Grade to provide sophisticated “classic novel” study for our 8th grade students prior to entry into freshman English.
- The expectation is for this activity to be completed during the PARCC testing time hopefully this year.

Uglies by *Scott Westerfield*

- 1 in a series of 3 books
- Will be placed in the Book Room to be used by teachers in their classrooms.

Still in Preview and not ready for approval

Ghostland, *Marvel Comics: The Untold Story*, *A Teen's Guide to the 5 Love Languages*, *What Do You Really Want?*

- Suggestion from a Board member was to possibly have a teacher guided book study at the start of 6th grade to help students choose higher level reading texts.

3. Curriculum for approval

French

Gifted and Talented/Enrichment

- The identification criteria and curriculum for the Gifted and Talented Program was reviewed and discussed.
- Curricula are recommended for approval.

4. Chromebook Update – 6th grade

- Positive roll out of the Chromebooks as well as feedback from the teachers.
- Teachers are working on full implementation on use of them (ironing out when and where the use of them is appropriate)
- Teachers workshops are scheduled
- The system has been very reliable and quick loading
- Teachers enjoy the 1 to 1 of the devices and are learning to add chromebooks to their daily vocabulary. (pencils, paper and chromebooks)
- 400 devices are actively on, 8 have had to go through troubleshooting most were basic issues and 1 device had a larger issue.

5. Mindfulness Lessons

The Lemonade Hurricane – October

- Committee viewed the video of the first lesson to be rolled out for October
- The connection to mind and body were made to literature
- Plan is for a lesson to be provided every month
- Teachers Academy is planned to help implementation along

6. Taylor Mali visit

- Update: 7th and 8th Grade will have an assembly and Taylor Mali will work with teachers after school in a workshop setting
- Clinton Book Store is helping out with ordering Taylor's books for the students who choose to purchase them prior to his visit. This is optional!
- A brief update on the progress Dr. Sargent has made on the logistics of this visit.