



EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

August 17, 2023

Virtual Meeting - 9:00 A.M.

Committee Members: Beth Fiore, Chair

Randall Peach, Carolyn Podgorski (absent), Justina Ryan

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

Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor

Anthony Tumolo, SEL Supervisor

Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

MINUTES

1. Curricular Revisions - Ms. Pauch and Dr. Brown gave an update to the committee on curricular revisions. The State is in the process of updating the standards for Math and LA, those will be for the 2024/25 school year, more to come. There are also a bunch of minor curricular updates to each subject area coming from the State, prior to QSAC, once those are given to districts, they need to be board approved in the October/November timeframe. Lastly, we discussed the Sustainability Integration K-8 document and how the district is already implementing climate change standards in an interdisciplinary manner.
2. District Professional Development Plan - Mrs. Krial presented the district's Professional Development plan that is updated and submitted to the State annually. This plan includes training on New Jersey Learning Standards, state mandates, S.E.L., and a new initiative S.E.I. (Sheltered English Instruction, which is in classroom instruction by classroom teachers certified to work with English Language Learners). It also includes professional development related to the strategic plan.
3. District Mentoring Plan - Mrs. Krial also presented the District Mentoring Plan which is also updated and submitted annually; there were a few new requirements this year from the State. Principals appoint mentors (based on the needs of their certification status) and buddies (staff members to help new hires acclimate). The curricular coaches, mentors/buddies, and Administrators have received very positive feedback about this onboarding plan from those new to the district.
4. Preschool Updates - The application has been submitted to the State. Dr. Hart provided the Committee with updates that will also be shared with the full board at the August 22nd board meeting.
5. New Behavioral Health Counselor at RMS - Mr. Tumolo reported that a New Behavioral Counselor has been hired for students requiring tier 3 services. This counselor will work 4 days a week at RMS and potentially expand to HBS if necessary. This is the final year of ESSER/ARP grant funding for this

position, so this person will also help with collecting data to develop a plan if services are needed for subsequent years.

6. Annual Approvals:

- a. Field Trips- The committee reviewed the list of trips planned, more will come on as the year progresses.
- b. HSA Events - The committee reviewed the list of events that HSA plans to hold this year, acknowledging that dates may change and more events may be added.

Agenda items: field trips, HSA events, fundraisers, evaluation model, preschool funding, out-of-district placements.

Next Meeting: 8:30 on October 11th

Summaries of Curriculum Revisions

N/A