

# EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, November 29, 2016

8:30 a.m.

## Agenda

Attendance: A. Shinn, B. Sargent, J. Belske, K. Tucker, S. Pauch, S. Brown

1. Level 1 Google Certification (Sarah Pauch)

- 1 teacher is currently Level I Certified for Google and another is working on receiving this certification. 1 teacher is currently working on Level II Certification

2. December 5<sup>th</sup> - Hour of Code (Sarah Pauch)

The buildings are taking a different approach this year since we are more advanced.

- ❑ Readington Administration has decided to make December the Hour of Code Month. Due to extremely high volume on the Hour of Code site it makes more sense and becomes a much smarter approach for our district to extend the time and gain all of the benefits without the disruptions from high traffic.
- ❑ We have become very advanced and the new schedule for Readington Schools is as follows:
  - ❑ K-2: Codeable, a web based coding program for younger students
  - ❑ 3-5: will use Code.org
  - ❑ 6-8 will use Orobots (a new program that is more advanced)
  - ❑ Hunterdon Central VoTech students will come in and speak to the students in the encore programs and help them progress since they are too advanced for the programs currently available.

3. Novels for review (Stacey Brown)

Unbroken by Laura Hillenbrand---Hold Off for now

Superman vs. The Ku Klux Klan by Rick Bowers---Will be moved for Acceptance

For December Board Approval:

A Teen's Guide to the 5 Love Languages (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Non-Fiction/Speeches)

What Do You Really Want? (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Non-Fiction/Speeches)

Eyes Wide Open (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Nonfiction – Argument)

The Good The Bad and The Barbie (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit of Nonfiction - Argument)

The Mindful Teen (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Non-Fiction)

Lincoln's Spymaster (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Narrative Nonfiction)

Irena's Children (8<sup>th</sup> grade unit on Narrative Nonfiction)

- ❑ All books will be up for approval by Committee recommendation

4. Nursing Plan (Karen Tucker)

- ❑ There is a shortage of substitutes for nurses. The schedule has been adjusted for the current nurses to help.

5. Speech/Language Observation Rubric (Karen Tucker)

- ❑ Speech and Language Observation Rubrics were presented and they follow the Danielson Model for Rubrics

6. Parent Enrichment Evening (Barbara Sargent)

- ☐ Literacy development
- ☐ Mindfulness
- ☐ Highlights from The Importance of Being Little
- ☐ Other ideas?
  - ☐ This is just the beginning and more ideas are to come. Further updates will be presented as needed.