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EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING

Thursday, January 25, 2018

8:30 a.m.

Agenda

Attendance: Dr. DeFabiis, Anna Shinn, Wayne Doran, Carol Hample, Mr. Tumolo, Jason Bohm

1. G&T (update)

- scheduling – finalization
- meeting with parents

- Some of the current Gifted and Talented students have opted to continue with their original schedules and attend their Encore classes for the second half of the school year. Some parents of 6th graders expressed a desire to enroll next year into G&T and proceed with the new schedule. The new schedule has G&T being an encore class so students will not miss Language Arts and G&T can become the true class with a set curriculum as originally intended. Dr. DeFabiis has approved these students to re-enroll in September without having to repeat the screening process.
- Smaller class sizes and an entire period will afford Mrs. Freeman the opportunity to truly create a well rounded multi subject Gifted and Talented curriculum, while she is teaching and having conversations with the students in her class.
- Mrs. Patrick, who was hired to replace Mrs. Nabozny in HBS for 5th grade, has been released from her current position early, which we are thankful for, and will be able to start approximately Feb. 5, 2018. A motion will be presented at the next board meeting to change the approved start date from March 1 to February 5. This would be a change to item 5.03 of our last meeting which allowed for the 60 day wait period for her start date. The committee supports this recommendation.

2. RMS Teacher's schedules

- The committee reviewed this information with no recommendations at this time

3. Social and Emotional Learning (SEL)*

- Positive Proactive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

- Mr. Tumolo presented the committee with a purposed description of how SEL will look in Readington over the next few year (2-3), how it will be rolled out throughout the district, and ideas of engaging the staff, utilizing the current activities, addressing areas of need/want, as well as implementation of SEL district wide.
- Whitehouse School will be a model school for some activities. Mr. Tumolo was part of the team who implemented many SEL components which helped earn WHS the National Character Ed. Award. Mr. Tumolo will use his knowledge in this process to help guide the beginning stages of this new program.
- On February 1, 2018 at 1:30 Whitehouse School will hold their Town Hall Meeting centered around Character Education/SEL and board members were invited to attend so they can see a piece of the program.
- The Ed/Tech committee recommends approval of the SEL program.

4. QSAC process

- differentiated review at the County Office
- QSAC Statement of Assurance for 2017-2018
- eligibility for “equivalency” application
- application for QSAC equivalency
- district’s high performance status extended an additional three years

Notice was received that the district has been approved for 3 years. Now the district just files a statement of assurance annually.

5. Additional items

The 6th grade Honors curriculum is progressing as planned.

*Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children acquire and effectively apply the knowledge, attitudes, and skills necessary to understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.