



## EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2021

8:30 a.m. - Virtual Meeting

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Committee Members: Carol Hample, Chair

Carolyn Podgorski, Anthony Emmons, Thomas Wallace (absent)

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools, Staci Beegle, Director of Pupil Services  
Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary, Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor  
Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor, Sherry Krial, PD/Tech Supervisor  
Anthony Tumoly, SEL Supervisor, Jim Belske, Technology Coordinator

### Minutes

1. District Logo Project
  - a. Provided feedback on 12 designs, narrowed down to Top 5 to present to full board
  - b. All 12 students will be recognized
2. ESSER Funded Summer Accelerate Learning Virtual Home Instruction Program
  - a. Learning acceleration over the summer as virtual instruction for students in Math and ELA
    - i. Four weeks in summer
    - ii. After-school tutoring in the Fall with busing provided
  - b. Looking into ways to provide PD and student support for Mental Health
3. Summer Enrichment Update
  - a. STEM, Kitchen Creations, Arts and Crafts, and Welcome to RMS
  - b. As of 4/20, 51 registrations
  - c. 5/10 Deadline, but we are already in the black for the program
4. NJ School Performance Reports with [Limited Revisions](#)
  - a. No substantive updates because there was no state testing 2019-2020. These are posted on the district website.
5. Child Assault and Prevention (CAP) Grant - Year 2
  - a. 2020-2021 was well-received and expanded to grades 4-5.
  - b. Applying for next year, grades 3-5, Teen CAP for grade 7. Grade 8 is not included because they got Teen Cap as grade 7 this year. Includes Parent learning session.
6. NJSLA canceled; the DLM and ACCESS for ELLs is not
  - a. Federal government approved NJ's plan to test in the fall - Start Strong assessment for grades 4-8 in ELA and Math as well as Science for 6th grade students
    - i. Individual results will be immediate; district results will be 3-4 weeks. Students identified as needing support based on Start Strong assessment will be eligible for after-school tutoring
  - b. DLM (Dynamic Learning Map - for special education students) and Access for ELL (proficiency assessment for English Language Learners) will still be conducted this spring

7. Continuation of Teacher Inquiry Project
  - a. Inquiry Consultant to provide 3-day workshop this summer with teachers who completed the Inquiry Project over the last 2 years to “teach the teachers” how to lead inquiry projects.
  - b. Paid for with ESSA grant
8. Strategic Plan Updates
  - a. Reviewed Social Awareness goals with the Committee; any modifications should be sent to Dr. Hart
9. G&T and ELA Honors Criteria
  - a. Honors: Criteria consists of classroom grades, teacher recommendations, second interval running records, benchmark writing assessments (does not include NJSLA scores as those tests were not administered).
  - b. G&T: Process begins with teacher and parent nominations, followed by Universal Screening, then final review by the G&T Committee
    - i. iReady replaced NWEA for grades 1-3 criteria (provides much more information)
    - ii. NJSLA will be omitted from grades 4-7 criteria, but adding a Portfolio Assessment (includes reflection project, writing piece and creative piece)
    - iii. Proposed new process for Universal Screener: only given to grades 2 and 5. This prevents overexposure to the test and ensures we are assessing students accurately and equitably.
      1. Will be moving to a new assessment within the next 2 years (the assessment doesn't work with Chromebooks)
10. Special Education: Autism program and BD program 2021-2022 and ESY
  - a. Currently there are 2 autism classes at WHS, one will be moving to HBS; the current teacher will follow.
  - b. Developing a BD program at TBS for 2021-2022 in preparation for students if needed.
  - c. ESY: 22 students eligible. Traditional 5 week program for self-contained students
    - i. Adding an extra hour as part of Covid recovery
    - ii. Adding a literacy program
11. Teacher Appreciation/Staff Appreciation Week May 3-7
12. Agenda Items: summer enrichment approvals, CAP grant, Inquiry consultant (ESSA), Teacher appreciation May 4 BOE meeting, autism program move-up, ESSER Grant
13. Next Meeting: May 11th at 8:30am