

Education/Technology Meeting Minutes Public Tuesday, August 7, 2018

Attendance: Dr. Hart, Anna Shinn, Carol Hample, Jason Bohm, Dr. Stacey Brown, Sherry Krial, Jim Belske

1. Math Textbook Adoption K-5: 1 teacher for each grade, K-5 and Special

Education, will be piloting the new Math textbooks. This is ready to begin at the start of school

2. Summer Enrichment Programs: Mrs. Krial updated the committee on the final numbers for Summer Enrichment. The program was self sustaining.

3. Summer Sports Program: Mrs. Krial updated the committee on the final numbers for the Summer Sports Program.

4. Summer Teacher Academy: Mrs. Krial reported the 36 session were given this summer. 44% were run by district leaders and 56% were run by teachers. 15 different teachers presented. Some participants were from out of district, which is usual. Mrs. Krial expressed her delight at the success of this Summer Teacher Academy.

5. Curriculum for Approval: The committee reviewed and recommend the following Curriculum for approval:

1. ELA grades 1-3: Minor changes in grade 1 and more

substance and unit changes in grades 2&3. 2. Dance grades 6-8: recommended by State of NJ to have on

the record for reference in other subjects 3. Theatre grades 6-8: recommended by State of NJ to have on

the record for reference in other subjects 4. Math grades K-3: Changes were made to align the curriculum to content not to a specific textbook.

6. Books for Approval: The following books are recommended for approval:

1. Trash by Andy Mulligan, 6th grade honors, fiction 2. A Mango-Shaped Space by Wendy Mass, 6th grade honors,

fiction 3. Age of Miracles by Karen Thompson Walker, 6th grade, fiction

4. *Coraline* by Neil Gaiman, 6th fantasy 5. *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by JK Rowling, 6th grade fantasy 6. *A Dog's Purpose* by Bruce Cameron, 6th grade, fiction 7. *Every Soul a Star* by Wendy Mass, 6th grade, fiction 8. *Brisingsr* by Christopher Paolini, 6th grade, fantasy (small scenes of civil unrest and some violence) 9. *Among the Impostors* (Shadow Children Series #2) by Margaret Peterson Haddix, 6th grade, fiction 10. *Midnight at the Electric* by Jodi Lynn Anderson, 8th grade honors, science fiction 11. *Shackles from the Deep* by Michael Cottman, 8th grade, nonfiction (some racial language, which was appropriate for the time period) 12. *Matilda Bone* by Karen Cushman, 7th grade, historical fiction

7. QSAC Accommodations: The State is requiring all districts to review all Curriculum and create an addendum to be board approved at a later time.

8. PD Plan and Mentoring Plan: Mrs. Krial, along with Dr. Hart, have updated the District Mentoring Plan as well as the Professional Development Plan to better align with the current Strategic Goals.

9. PD Updates:

a. New Teachers Orientation, August 20-23. b. September 4-5 Program: Keynote speaker Thomas Murray and time for training as well as open house.

10. Chromebook Practices: Mr. Belske reviewed the end results of the first year of the take your chromebook home initiative and future changes to make the program more successful.

11. STEM through the lens of aviation:

a. N85 Aerospace Club at Alexandria Field Airport: Initially this was presented as a 1 time a month club that would have the students and leaders transported from RMS to Alexandria Airport to attend. Through further investigation, this program is actually more intensive. b. The STEM program is set up as a 1 time a month meeting of the whole program and participants, but during the weeks in between the students are required to complete projects on their own time at the airport.

c. The current recommendation: To have the students, parents and leaders

transported to the airport for the introduction and to learn of the commitment and to gauge interest after. If students are still interested and parents are willing to take the time in between, then the program may continue as a monthly school sponsored event. This can only be revisited after the initial introduction. An update will be given then.

12. Field Trips for Approval: The committee reviewed the list of field trips and recommend them for approval.

13. PARCC testing results: The committee took a look at the initial results that came in for the PARCC. There will be a presentation and more information in the near future.