

EDUCATION/TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

June 10, 2019 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members: Anna Shinn, Chair Carol Hample, Thomas Wallace, Andrew Saunders

Administrative Staff: Dr. Jonathan Hart, Superintendent of Schools Jason Bohm, SBA/Board Secretary Dr. Stacey Brown, Humanities Supervisor Sarah Pauch, Math, Science, Tech Supervisor Anthony Tumolo, SEL Coordinator Colleen Ogden, Teacher/Summer Enrichment Coordinator (agenda item 1)

Agenda

- A. Summer Enrichment Status (Colleen): Proposing 11 courses over 3 weeks due to lack of participation. Discussed options for next year on how to create growth for the program.
- B. Summer Teacher Academy Courses (attachment 2): The committee reviewed the courses and descriptions. The committee recommends them for approval.
- C. Information Literacy Curriculum Update (attachment 3) (Library Curriculum) Lessons and structure the librarians follow when students go into the Library. New Library Standards were updated.
- D. Curriculum Updates Scheduled for Summer 2019 (attachment 4): Committee reviewed the list of curricula that will be updated and the committee recommends this list for approval.
- E. Fall Speaker on Conscious Discipline SEL related: October 14 will be a full-day presentation. This will be targeted for RMS and counselors. We plan to use the same Conscious Discipline presenter who came to the Hunterdon County SEL Coalition meeting this past year. The committee recommends this for approval.
- F. Future Ready Update: The committee met 3 times through the Spring; they discussed: Description of Future Ready, too the Self Assessment, and most recently a reviewed the self assessment to identify areas we want to explore moving forward. Will be presented to the consultant for Strategic Planning purposes. There were areas of need that were highlighted as well as strengths. The committee came up with potential areas of focus for the district moving forward.
- G. Student Recognitions at a Spring BOE meeting: June 11th meeting Christopher Serrao will be in attendance as well as his parents. There will be a rolling slideshow during the meeting that will highlight all the students. This presentation will be posted to the website on Wednesday after the meeting.
- H. Upcoming Board Approvals
 - a. Texts for Grade 7 Nonfiction Grouped by Theme (2019-2020 SY) (July BOE meeting)

- i. Totally True Adventures! The Titanic Sinks by Thomas Conklin
- ii. Titanic by Melissa Stewart
- iii. Titanic: Voices from the disaster by Deborah Hopkinson
- iv. 10 True Tales: Titanic Young Survivors by Allan Zullo
- v. Finding the Titanic by Robert Ballard
- vi. The Titanic Disaster by Peter Benoit
- vii. Ebola by Ann Squire
- viii. Understanding Viruses by Agnieszka Biskup
- ix. Plagues, Pox, and Pestilence by John Kelly
- x. You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Vaccinations! By Anne Rooney
- xi. You Wouldn't Want to Live Without Bacteria! By Roger Canavan
- xii. Food Engineering: From concept to consumer by Michael Burgan
- xiii. Genetic Engineering by Michael Burgan
- xiv. GMOs by Mary Colson
- xv. Genetic Modification: Should Humans Control Nature? By Leon Gray
- xvi. *Genetics: Breaking the code of your DNA* by Carla Mooney
- xvii. Genetics: From DNA to designer dogs by Sarah Tishkoff
- xviii. Finding Out About Nuclear Energy by Matt Doeden
- xix. Nuclear Meltdowns by Peter Benoit
- xx. The Nuclear Age by Peter Benoit
- 12 Incredible Facts About the Dropping of the Atomic Bombs by Angie Smibert
 1. RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL
- b. Consultant for Teacher Inquiry Workshops (June 11 BOE Meeting): Work with Dr. Hart and Teachers for the year
- c. Summer Curriculum Work and Teacher Academies (June 11 BOE meeting)
- d. ESSA Grant
- e. Clubs for Next Year: Working to get a list

Curriculum Revision Summaries

Informational Literacy Curriculum Revisions

The American Association of School Librarians updated their standards which are now reflected in the Standards Addressed section of this curriculum. The revised standards also required a full revision of the Components of an Effective Library Media Program and Informational Literacy Curriculum section. The key topics of our curriculum lend themselves well to these new standards and remain largely unchanged.