

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 9, 2022
Immediately Following Finance Committee Meeting
5:30 P.M.
NLMS Auditorium

Committee Members				Remaining Meeting Dates
X	Robert Kern - Chairperson	X	Eric Hill	April 6, 2022
	Robert Keegan - Co-Chairperson	X	Gene Marks	May 4, 2022 June 8, 2022
X	Michelle Heckman	X	Scott Pyne	August 3, 2022 September 7, 2022
	Gale Husack		James Schnyderite	October 5, 2022 November 9, 2022
X	Matthew Link	X	Michael Strohl	
X	Tania Stoker	X	Robert Vlasaty	
	Todd Breiner		Jennifer Butz	
	Michele Dotta	X	Tim Weaber	
X	David Hauser			

Also in attendance: Michael Stohl, Robert Vlasaty, Blasia Dunham, Tamara Stubits, Mathias Green, Lisa Hairtson, Stephen Haas, David Hauser, Keith Horn, Nichole Fink, Jamie Bigley, Kara Richardosn, Lori Middaugh, Kori Dibilio, Todd Breiner,

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- [Textbooks - Spanish 1, 2, 3](#) (Mr. Pyne)
 - Identified as an immediate need in curriculum review process
 - 30 years since last textbook purchase
 - Significant shifts in understanding of language acquisition and instruction
 - Recently purchased EntreCulturas for NLMS Spanish exploratory class
 - Consistency in textbook

- ❑ Committee supports the purchase of textbooks going to the full board for consideration on Monday night.

- ❑ Canvas Presentation (Mrs. Dunham, Mr. Weaver, and Ms. Stubits)
 - ❑ Evaluation Process
 - ❑ Four C's Framework
 - ❑ Collaboration, Communication, Critical Thinking, Creativity
 - ❑ Mr. Kern asked if staff received a presentation on Canvas and Schoology
 - ❑ Yes, they were informed
 - ❑ Mr. Kern asked when Canvas began integrating with PowerSchool.
 - ❑ At least three years ago
 - ❑ Mr. Kern asked if teachers can make resources private or public?
 - ❑ Yes, they can be private or public
 - ❑ Mr. Green asked what the cost is?
 - ❑ Approximately \$14,500 startup cost paid from the Curriculum & Instruction budget
 - ❑ Annually approximately \$8,000 divided among the four schools based on users
 - ❑ Canvas study could be added for \$3,000
 - ❑ Mr. Green asked when this could occur?
 - ❑ There will be transition time for each building level
 - ❑ Mr. Kern asked if any districts switched from Schoology to Canvas?
 - ❑ Unknown
 - ❑ Committee supports the purchase going to the full board for consideration.

- ❑ Comprehensive Planning Update (Dr. Stoker)
 - ❑ Jan 24th - Reviewed comp plan goals and progress towards those goals
 - ❑ Feb 7th - Reviewed state testing data for population and subgroups for past few years
 - ❑ Feb 22nd - Reviewed local data for past few years
 - ❑ Mar 16th - Review survey results. Inform mission, vision, shared values
 - ❑ Survey was released February 14th and closed February 25th
 - ❑ Emailed to all employees, students in grades 7-12
 - ❑ COS email to all parents/guardians
 - ❑ The link was posted on webpage for community
 - ❑ Comp Plan must be submitted to PDE by August 31, 2022. Plan must be posted for at least 28 days prior to approval. Several sub plans are also due this year (professional development, teacher induction, gifted, student services, academic standards and assessments).
 - ❑ Mr. Kern invited school board members to join the meeting on March 16th.

- ❑ Education Meeting on February 28, 2022 (Mr. Kern/Mr. Keegan)
 - ❑ Data Analysis
 - ❑ Curriculum/Assessment
 - ❑ Evaluation/Classroom Expectations/Professional Development
 - ❑ Summary shared by Mr. Kern:
 - ❑ Shared that an informal meeting was held with Dr. Stoker, Mr. Pyne, Mr. Keegan, and him to discuss the above topics.
 - ❑ He advocated that we embrace the importance of all of these areas across building levels for the benefit of our students and community.
 - ❑ Emphasized the importance of sustainable systems
 - ❑ It has been about 15 years since the last time a K-12 comprehensive curriculum review was conducted.
 - ❑ A written summary of the meeting was projected on the screen. A copy of the summary can be found [here](#).
 - ❑ Mr. Christman suggested that there may be a way to make a connection to how standardized test scores affect them and the district via the essential skills class.
 - ❑ Mrs. Heckman shared she was grateful for the summary and the points it emphasized.
 - ❑ She advocated for scheduling topics into the future for consistency (such as curriculum review and professional development)

- ❑ Elementary Technology Class (Mr. Kern)
 - ❑ Concern raised by elementary teachers regarding the removal of the technology classes at the elementary level.
 - ❑ Mr. Weaber explained the class introduced topics such as:
 - ❑ Keyboarding skills, internet safety, use of apps, use of google docs, skills used in the middle school level.
 - ❑ Elementary staff present shared their support for the return of the class and stories of how it benefited students and parents.
 - ❑ Mr. Hauser shared that he hopes that the NLMS Essential Skills/Financial Literacy remains in the curriculum.
 - ❑ Dr. Stoker shared the PA School Code does not require computer class as a special subject area in the elementary school level.

- ❑ She also shared that the TIS's work directly with teachers as well to deliver professional development and to push into the classroom.
- ❑ Mrs. Stubits shared the purpose of the computer class is to help students use technology purposefully in the classroom.
- ❑ Mr. Schnyderite shared that there is a lack of explicit instruction in the classroom for the use of computers/technology in the classroom.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 6, 2022.