

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

5:30 P.M.

Administration Office

Board Room

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

Also in attendance: Rhonda Frantz, Angela Williams, Chad Christman, Sherri Molitoris, Greg Derr, Steven Haas, Megan Shiffer

AGENDA

EDUCATION

- Summer Program Reports
 - [Open Horizons](#)
 - Summer STEAM Camp
 - This is the fourth Summer STEAM Camp for Northern Lehigh School District.
 - The camp was supported by the Northern Lehigh Education Foundation and funding through an EITC Grant from Neff's National xBank and ESSER Grants.
 - The camp expanded to include students in grades 7 and 8 while adding two more instructors.
 - The total enrollment increased from 70 campers in 2021 to 85 campers in 2022.

- ❑ Topics included plants, animals, engineering, aerospace, astronomy, kitchen science, and graphic design.
- ❑ Guest speakers from the local area were a dentist, financial advisor, graphic designer, industrial packaging designer, veterinarian, accountant, and engineer.
- ❑ Middle School I.N.S.P.I.R.E.
 - ❑ We had 14 students enrolled in the summer program for the middle school, and there was a mix of students who needed the program and students who wanted academic enrichment.
 - ❑ We used an integrated approach to teaching and at the core of the thematic units were the topics of Greek and Roman mythology.
 - ❑ The students read stories and then had to create their own stories and as a final activity, the students had to create a movie trailer about one of Greek mythology stories. They had to write the movie trailer and film it.
 - ❑ In math and science, the students worked on Roman numerals and we also studied the local area.
 - ❑ Mr. Hauser gave the students a detailed walking tour of Slatington and the students were excited about learning about their hometown.
 - ❑ The students also learned about the local waterways and the fish that live in the waterways. We went fishing one afternoon and collected water samples from the river and the canal and the water was examined under the microscope. They learned the names of the fish that are native to the Slatington area.
 - ❑ In the afternoon portion of the program, the students cooked food that the Romans and Greeks would have eaten. They learned basic Italian and the Greek Alphabet.
 - ❑ The students also painted Greek columns and a local fish.
 - ❑ We ended the program with a toga party, and the students had to create their own togas.
 - ❑ We also spent a day at the DaVinci Science Center in order to have a real life experience with STEM.
- ❑ 22-23 Afterschool Tutoring Programs
 - ❑ High School
 - ❑ Gabyrella Wilder - Ecology and Cell Processes & Biology Tutor
 - ❑ Schedule during field hockey season: 9/13, 9/21, 9/27, 10/5, 10/11 from 2:20-3:15. LCTI students would be give the opportunity to meet with her during homeroom on a sign up basis.
 - ❑ Schedule after field hockey season: Wednesdays 2:20-3:15. LCTI students from 3:15-4:00 on a sign up basis.
 - ❑ Paige Smith - Math (all levels)
 - ❑ Mondays 2:20-3:15
 - ❑ Thursdays 2:20-3:15

- ❑ Middle School
 - ❑ January start / 15 weeks / 2 sessions per week / (tent. Tues/Thurs 2:20-3:00PM)
 - ❑ Content area teachers will rotate
 - ❑ Target students based on grades/IXL data but open to all
 - ❑ Mr. Strohl will manage the program and recruitment
- ❑ [Bullying Prevention Program \(SES\)](#)
- ❑ [Gateway to English - Adult Education Classes Flyer](#)
 - ❑ English acquisition classes for non-English speaking parents of students that attend Northern Lehigh
 - ❑ Baby sitting service for school aged children (≥ 5 yrs) of parents attending the program
 - ❑ Taught by NLSD ESL Teachers
 - ❑ Funded through Title III
- ❑ Canvas Professional Development Update
 - ❑ Opening Sessions
 - ❑ High School
 - ❑ 5.5. total hours (3 days)
 - ❑ Introduction and Best Practices
 - ❑ Using the Rich Text Editor
 - ❑ Transitioning from Google
 - ❑ October session focus- Creating Assignments
 - ❑ Middle School and Elementary Schools
 - ❑ Two hours
 - ❑ Emphasis on communication
 - ❑ Development and release of class landing pages for future development
 - ❑ Have garnered interest from possible early adopters in each building, leading to the development of an Early Adopters Blended course to be offered for teachers this Fall.
 - ❑ Blended Early Adopters Course
 - ❑ Instructor: Ms. Blasia Dunham
 - ❑ Cohort Model: Combining independent work with collaboration and sharing focus during meeting times.
 - ❑ 15 total hours (7.5 hrs asynchronous, 5 hrs. Meeting time)
 - ❑ Eligible for two full FLEX days
 - ❑ [Syllabus](#)

Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 3, 2022.