

**NORTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
TECHNOLOGY/BUILDINGS & GROUNDS
COMMITTEE MEETING**

September 9, 2020

5:30 P.M.

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Committee Members			Meeting Dates		
X	Robin Distler - Chairperson	X	Greg Derr – Liaison	Jan 8	June 3
X	Mathias Green -Co-Chairperson	X	Jennifer Butz	Feb 5	August 5
	Donna Kulp	X	Eric Hill	Mar 4	Sep. 9
X	Robert Kern	X	Tim Weaber	Apr 8	Oct 7
X	Matt Link			May 6	Nov 4

Also in Attendance: Gary Fedorcha, Allusion Chruscial, Susan Bahnick, Rhonda Frantz, Sherri Molitoris

MINUTES

Buildings & Grounds

- Updates on school opening
 - Mr. Derr gave an update on the opening of schools for transportation and building and grounds
 - It was routine for transportation with the normal tweaking of bus stops
 - Temperature checks getting off buses are going well.
 - GPS units on all vehicles this year, not just the large buses
 - Each vehicle has a supply of masks and hand sanitizer (no larger than 3.4 oz)
 - Two employees disinfect all vehicles after the morning and after runs. LCTI drivers do their own after those runs
 - Second shift staff member has been helpful for additional cleaning during the day.

- Dogs on the field hockey practice field
 - About 7 years ago the fence was installed around the field.
 - Since that time the practice of allowing dogs on the field.
 - Concerns with pet owners not cleaning up pet waste.
 - This is a common occurrence
 - Field was closed about 5 years ago during the field hockey season
 - Mrs. Chruscial shared her concern with the field having dog droppings on it. This also occurs around the edges of the facility.

- She asked for a solution to this unsanitary problem
 - Mr. Heiney shared his concerns as well and reinforced Mrs. Chruscial's concerns. He feels like the public is abusing it.
 - Mr. Green supported the comments by Mr. Heiney and Mrs. Chruscial.
- Mr. Green and Mr. Fedorcha both said they do not remember the Board approving this previously, recently or in years past.
- Mr. Fedorcha supported it being shut down as well to pets.
- Mr. Kern said that this should be shut down as well.
- Mr. Kern asked if this was a concern for four or five years, why is just getting to the board now.
- Mr. Link asked if the stadium/track should be shut down for walkers and runners.
 - Mr. Kern recommended that it should be closed based on his experiences in other districts. He is also concerned with the liability and safety of our students.
 - Mr. Derr said there has been no misuses of the track by walkers runners.
- The committee recommends that an agenda item for both the use of the field hockey field and the stadium complex be used only for school sanctioned purposes.
- The facilities will be secured as soon as possible.

Technology

- School Opening Technology Update
 - Mr. Hill provided an update on the start of the year for the technology department.
 - We started distribution of devices this year.
 - We had over 500 devices kept by students over the summer.
 - We have 7 devices not returned yet. We are working to reclaim those seven devices.
 - Of the 500 devices, 10 were damaged.
 - Mr. Hill noted that it is busier than most other school year openings due to the increased use of technology
 - There was also an unforeseen connectivity issue for older chromebooks trying to login into home networks. This is not an issue with newer chromebooks.
 - Mr. Hill thanks his entire department for the increased efforts to handle all support calls.

- There are some delays in shipments of products and the hubs were shipped to another location by mistake.
 - We are still waiting on the additional monitors, microphones, and additional chromebooks.
 - We did not receive all of the chromebook cases ordered as well.
 - There are breakdowns in the supply chain for many of these items.
 - Clever Portal integration is being used for a single sign and it went well for the most part.
 - Mr. Distler thanked Eric for the fine job he and his staff did.
- E-Rate Category 1 Request for Proposal (RFP) for Internet Connectivity
- We will be submitting an RFP for our fiber connection from Slatington Elem to Peters Elem. The current contract sunsets at the end of this school year. The RFP will be for a 5 year contract starting July 1, 2021. Hope to have proposals back by the middle of November.
 - The IU will be doing an RFP for a fiber line from the IU to Slatington.

Reminder: Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 7, 2020