

Grosse Ile Township Schools
Board of Education
Curriculum Subcommittee Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2015

Members Present: Bill Eis, Scooter DeMare, Collie Hooper-Yan, Suzanne Sassack

Meeting called to order @ 9:07 A.M.

1. Textbook needs for the district and the commitment for purchases in the budget.

a. The committee asked for a 3 to 5 year plan of the needs in textbooks for the district. The committee felt a spreadsheet with the dates the textbooks were originally purchased would be beneficial to the full board and new superintendent.

b. Bill explained how Title 1 and 11 monies have been used in this district and the rationale as to why monies were allocated this way.

c. Bill spoke about a specific line item in the budget that would reflect consumables for each school. (Consumables are items that need to be reordered each year. i.e. Science experiment materials and workbooks) The committee asked Bill to have a specific number to present to the Finance Committee.

d. Textbook purchases through this year include: Science (potential pilot program @ elementary level), Secondary Math and Bio books for HS.

Next year: Science purchase K-5 and Social Studies

2017-2018: MS science. The committee asked Bill to put this formally on a document with estimated costs.

2. Tech needs for 2015-2016

a. The plan after the passing of the millage is to incorporate 20 sets of devices the first year: 2-3 @ PL, 5-6@ Meridian, MS, and HS. The committee spoke for the need for support staff at all levels and the need to incorporate this into the budget with a specific line item cost. The committee asked Bill to come up with an estimate which includes summer set up, long term maintenance, and training of the staff.

Questions from the committee:

Can bond monies be used for training?

Some districts are leasing tech. Is this an option? Pros and cons.

Can we share tech support with Township?

3. School Improvement Structure

The committee spoke about how to transition a new superintendent. Bill suggested allowing our admin team be in charge certain areas of curriculum. This would allow the new superintendent to get oriented to the district and allow curriculum to keep moving forward without a transition period. Bill suggested that Linda Solano take the math curriculum, Audire Kalisz would cover LA, and science and SS could be charged by Joel Fabris or new superintendent. The committee discussed a stipend for these extra duties and thought this needed to be discussed in Finance.

The committee suggested the possibility of Bill meeting with the new superintendent for transition purposes.

4. Psychologist position

Bill reported that this position still needs to be maintained as a full time position. He consulted with Tom Arkwright and Tom agreed.

Things to be discussed in Finance:

Textbook purchases for next 3 years

Consumables and amt. to budget per school

Tech plan costs for budget

Stipend for curriculum duties

Meeting adjourned at 10:43 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Suzanne Sassack