

**SALISBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum & Technology Committee Meeting
Administration Building
Monday, September 23, 2019**

The Salisbury Township School District Curriculum & Technology Committee met on Monday, September 23, 2019 at the Administration Building 1140 Salisbury Road, Allentown, PA.

Members Present:

Mr. Samuel DeFrank
Mr. George Gatanis
Mrs. Carol Klinger

Mrs. Audrey Frick
Mr. Joseph Gnall
Mrs. Mary Ziegler

Administrators Present:

Mr. Zac Brem
Dr. Grace Hartman
Ms. Heather Morningstar
Mr. Ken Parlman
Mr. Robert Sawicki
Dr. Randy Ziegenfuss

Mrs. Lynn Fuini-Hetten
Mrs. Tracey Jacobi
Mr. Brian Muschlitz
Mrs. Kelly Pauling
Mr. Michael Vacaro

- Call to Order Mrs. Carol Klinger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes The minutes from the May 20, 2019 Curriculum and Technology Committee meeting were approved as written.
- Special Education - Continuum of Services Mrs. Tracey Jacobi presented the continuum of services the special education department offers. Federal regulations that guide special education are referred to as IDEA. Under IDEA, there are 13 school-aged disability categories. Students qualify for services based on one of these disabilities.
- The levels of support include itinerant support (20% or less of day), supplemental (20-80%) and full time (80% or more). The goal is to service students in the least restrictive environment.
- As of today, there are 371 students in the district with IEPs (335 are serviced here within our district, 36 are serviced in IU programs, either here or in out- of -district placements).
- A question was asked about 504 plans.
- The Board is requesting some additional trending data in terms of special ed. and some information comparing and contrasting 504s and IEPs.
- Professional Learning Update Mrs. Kelly Pauling reviewed summer offerings including Summer Academy, which offered 29 sessions of book studies, technology sessions, and curricular as well as non-curricular sessions.
- Future instruction improvement goals will be based on input from stakeholders, classroom walkthroughs, and analyzing data including Keystones and PSSAs.
- Three district-wide, half day professional development sessions were held devoted to the Leading #YourSalisbury vision. Two pathways being used are: task design (district-wide) and action research cohort (small group of volunteers).
- Mr. Zac Brem shared that FastBridge is replacing STAR. The teachers were trained last Friday on some of the reports that can

be used to help guide their students The feedback has been very positive as the user interface is much easier to navigate.

Foundations has been expanded to 2nd grade at WSE. The district is in year three of SWPBIS. Leader In Me action teams are working on goal setting and action plans.

Mr. Ken Parlman shared that the middle school is focusing on peer visits with a year long commitment for teachers to visit other teachers with a focus on Learning Beliefs and the Profile of a Graduate. Staff is engaging in conversation and providing reflective feedback, and also using data-driven decision-making with CDTs, PSSAs, classroom & anecdotal data. The Math Department is focusing on co-teaching and developing a stronger math vocabulary. Middle school teachers have developed electives in 7th & 8th grade.

The high school continues to focus on PoG and what that looks like in action. With the focus on social emotional learning, 15-20 staff members have elected to do a book study on trauma-informed practices at the secondary level. Department chairs will work to analyze data and determine steps to improve student achievement.

The curriculum for applied Algebra I is being revamped and will be presented to the Board next month, resulting in a change of the Alg/Geo series.

Special Ed. has had focused trainings on autism, behavior, co-teaching, secondary transition, Read 180 platform up grade, and progress monitoring specific goals in IEPs. Student-led IEPs are being piloted across the department. Mr. Mike Vacaro & Mrs. Tracey Jacobi attended a transition conference at PSU where two students presented on their student-led IEP. Instructional Assistant trainings are run monthly including content on special education and technology.

The gifted program has been restructured. Two new teachers are coming on board and training in the paperwork/process, GIEPs and Gifted Boot Camp. The goal is to create a culture that welcomes and values inclusive practices and focuses on present levels of educational performance.

Mrs. Kelly Pauling explained the #YourSalisbury hub as a hub for resources for teachers and leaders.

Ringbeller 4th Grade Access

Mr. Brem and Dr. Hartman shared the need for Ringbeller video lessons to support learners with social-emotional learning. This will be on the agenda for approval of agreement at the next board meeting.

TL2020 Update

Mrs. Lynn Fuini-Hetten and building administrators provided an update on TL2020. Opening Convocation included staff recognition for years of service and a motivational speaker, Mr. Thom Stecher. Apptegy now offers a mobile app which includes social media and live feed. Our kids are featured on the PASA website for the Excellence in Education Fair. Eight students are attending this year with Mr. Chris Smith and Ms. Christina Westfall.

The week of May 11-15th will have SMS intersessions which include meeting with students and giving them a say in what they want to learn and how they want to learn about it.

Mrs. Pauling described the action research cohort. Teachers will examine a problem of practice and work collaboratively to design and implement a plan of action embedded in classroom practice.

Dr. Hartman shared that the elementary schools will be participating in a professional development cohort @ PaTTAN.

May 20, 2020 will be a district-wide spring open house with the intention of students and teachers sharing the district's story of what has been happening throughout the year.

LCCC Update

Mr. Sam DeFrank presented on LCCC Career Pathways, an organized approach of skill sets needed to be successful in academic career choices at LCCC.

Old Business/New Business

None.

Citizens Comments

None.

Adjournment

Mrs. Carol Klinger adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Next Meeting

Monday, October 28, 2019 – Administration Building, 1140
Salisbury Road, Allentown, PA.