

SALISBURY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Curriculum & Technology Committee Meeting
Administration Building
Monday, October 28, 2019

The Salisbury Township School District Curriculum & Technology Committee met on Monday, October 28, 2019 at the Administration Building 1140 Salisbury Road, Allentown, PA.

Members Present:

Mr. George Gatanis
Mr. Joseph Gnall
Mrs. Mary Ziegler

Mrs. Courtney Gibbs
Mrs. Carol Klinger

Administrators Present:

Mr. Zac Brem
Dr. Grace Hartman
Mr. Brian Muschlitz
Mrs. Kelly Pauling
Mr. Michael Vacaro

Mrs. Lynn Fuini-Hetten
Ms. Heather Morningstar
Mr. Ken Parliman
Mr. Robert Sawicki
Dr. Randy Ziegenfuss

Press Present:

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- Call to Order Mrs. Carol Klinger called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes The minutes from the September 23, 2019 Curriculum and Technology Committee meeting were approved as written.
- Demographic Update Dr. Randy Ziegenfuss shared student demographic information from the 18-19 school year. He presented highlights in demographic changes including: changes in race of student population, an increase in free/reduced lunch population, and an increase in special education learners. Dr. Ziegenfuss also shared information about the mobility rate which is approximately 25%. The population of our learners is becoming increasingly diverse. This shifting diversity presents challenges in maintaining a high quality program within limited resources.
- There was conversation related to special education numbers and increase in cyber/charter schools.
- Algebra/Geometry Series Mrs. Pauling introduced the topic and invited High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Muschlitz and Mathematics Department Chair, Mrs. Xander to share the work of the department.
- Mr. Mushlitz provided context for the requested change, including stagnating Keystone test scores, despite numerous types of interventions. As a result, the administration is recommending a three year program.
- Mrs. Xander shared the new course sequence proposal with the board.
- Proposed three year transition
 - Replacing Alg/Geo Series with Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry.
 - Current Algebra 1, Algebra 2, and Geometry courses will be renamed to include CP in title. CP Algebra 2 will now be the recommended course for 10th grade
 - Co-taught sections will be offered
 - Sequencing will provide a concentrated time to prepare for Keystones and remediate
 - Exam will be taken in the spring of Algebra 1
- Mr. Muschlitz complimented Mrs. Xander on her work redesigning the math options to ensure greater success for our learners.

Mrs. Fuini-Hetten shared that the next steps would be revised course curriculum documents coming to the board in January.

Mrs. Fuini-Hetten thanked Mrs. Xander, Mrs. Muschlitz and Ms. Morningstar.

LCCC Early College Program

Ms. Morningstar shared about collaborations with LCCC which will begin next fall. Handouts from LCCC were provided to the board.

We will be offering the Early College program. Students will also be able to take LCCC courses for dual enrollment at LCCC.

Learners choosing to participate in Early College would forego the Junior and Senior years, completing face-to-face and online courses leading to an Associates Degree from LCCC.

Counselors would ensure that the courses, not only meet degree requirements, but also high school graduation requirements.

Ms. Morningstar shared that Early College may appeal to a limited number of learners willing to forego the final two years of high school.

Mrs. Klinger, Ms. Morningstar and Mr. Gnall participated in conversation around which kinds of learners would be good candidates, including those learners who are currently involved in internal and external cyberschools.

Ms. Morningstar shared a second proposal to offer dual enrollment courses through LCCC. Learners will be able to take any course in the LCCC course catalog for dual enrollment. These courses would expand learning opportunities in specialty areas and world languages.

Mrs. Fuini-Hetten shared that these are two wonderful opportunities that provide learners with choice and opportunity beyond what is currently available. These opportunities will appear in the Program of Studies being shared with the board in January. Mrs. Fuini-Hetten acknowledged Ms Morningstar and the counselors for their work.

TL2020 Update

Mrs. Fuini-Hetten and building administrators provided an update on TL2020. This month's topics included:

- Elementary School (Mr. Brem and Dr. Hartman) - MTSS SEL integration
- Middle School (Mr. Parlman) - Spring 2020 Intersessions
- High School (Ms. Morningstar) - Aevium
- VAST (Mr. Sawicki and Mr. Muschlitz) - current enrollments were shared and Mrs. Stokes, Mr. Sawicki, Mr. Muschlitz and High School Counselor, Mrs. Moyer, were acknowledged for supporting students in our cyber school program.
- Parent Engagement (Mrs. Pauling) - WSE parent presentation shared last week by Mrs. Pauling
- K-5 Math Committee (Mrs. Pauling)
- Leading #YourSalisbury (Mrs. Pauling) - professional learning from October 14
- Special Education (Mr. Vacaro) - Transitional Learning Support at SHS. Mr. Vacaro acknowledged Ms. Evener and the staff for what they do to support learners in the TLS program.
- Excellence in Education Fair - Mr. Gatanis shared his experience at the PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference and the student education fair. Mr. Gatanis recognized Mrs. Fuini-Hetten for receiving the PASA Instructional Leader Award. Mrs. Ziegler and Mrs. Klinger shared their experiences as well.

Old Business/New Business None

Citizens Comments None

Adjournment Mrs. Carol Klinger adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

Next Meeting Monday, December 4, 2019 – Administration Building, 1140 Salisbury Road, Allentown, PA.