



Education Committee MINUTES

September 25, 2017

7:00 – Verner Elementary School Library

In attendance: M. McClure, J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, A. Loeffler, J. Hurt-Robinson, J. Nehlsen, A. DiClaudio; M. DiNinno, C. Monroe, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, E. Hewitt, N. English, M. Harden, K. Shoop, S. Granahan

Absent: D. Tompa, D. DiPietro

Dr. McClure called the meeting to order and asked that Lisa Ashbaugh, Education Chair begin.

Mrs. Ashbaugh asked the board to take part in a moment of silence for Chuck Wagner, a former employee/coach with the District.

Mrs. Ashbaugh and Dr. DiNinno reviewed the following topics with the board:

1. Model UN International Trip –Dr. DiNinno and Mrs. Ashbaugh shared that a request from Ken Kubistek to establish trip on an every other year basis. The board agreed that the trip was a valuable experience for students and asked that Mr. Kubistek share which countries were represented in the last trip, how many students he anticipated including each year
2. Class Rank and transcripts – Mr. Hewitt explained that it is best to use GPA as a default setting on transcripts and only put the GPA on the transcript if it is requested in order to assist our students, who are from a small school, with competing with other students from larger districts.
3. Pete & C Conference (February 11-14) Mr. Hewitt requested that the board approve him to attend the conference in Hershey that focuses on technology integration and learning.

4. Graduation Credit Requirements – Mr. Hewitt shared the need to customize graduation requirements for students attending Forbes.
5. Elementary Recess – The administration shared that recess is provided to all students every day for at least 30 minutes and may not be used to punish students. Students are provided with outside recess as much as weather permits.
6. Mrs. Ashbaugh shared the following update on student enrollment (9/22/17)

Tenth Street – 334 Verner – 210 JHSH - 445
7. New Student Information System - Administrators shared that the new system is now available for parents at the secondary to use the parent portal and the elementary parent portal is expected to open in October. Should be open to elementary parents in October before Report Cards
8. 5-8 Academics – Status of Root Cause Analysis – A summary of collected data and potential variables as well as an action plan to address academic needs of students was provided by the administrative team. A discussion was then held with all parties.
9. Potential Personal Finance and Entrepreneurship textbooks were shared and Mrs. Ashbaugh informed the board that they are available for review.
10. An update on grants and the goals of the Educational Foundation were shared by Mrs. Shoop. Dr. DiNinno thanked Mrs. Shoop and members of the foundation for their hard work and support.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45. An executive session was held from 8:45 until approximately 9:30 to discuss personnel matters.