



August 15, 2016 – Study Session Agenda / Education Committee

MINUTES

In attendance: M. McClure, D. DiPietro, J. Hackworth, L. Ashbaugh, A. Loeffler, A. DiClaudio, M. DiNinno, T. Good, R. Rizzo, A. Coudriet, M. Plance, D. Zolkowski, E. Hewitt, N. English

Dr. DiNinno commenced the meeting at 7:00 p.m. thanking everyone for their attendance.

She shared the board following information with the board:

- Teacher Induction – August 15; Opening PD Day-August 16th; PD days 17th/18th; Clerical 19th
- Students Begin – August 22nd
- Enrollment as of August 10, 2016 = 992+/-

Dr. DiNinno congratulated Dr. Loeffler for her service and recognition as a PSBA representative.

Mrs. Plance shared scheduling revisions related to the Pop UP Library and indicated that she was working with the YMCA to discuss a potential before and after school program at Verner, providing that families had an interest. Several board members shared ideas and questions that they thought should be looked into prior to making a final decision. Mrs. Plance indicated that the program was in the very preliminary stages of discussion and she would be seeking legal counsel and input as she moved through the process.

Dr. DiNinno reviewed and discussed the following motions with the board answering questions and clarifying details associated with:

- General:
 - Naloxone – Reading #3 – solicitors making final edits
 - Contracts: PA Educator; Waterfront Learning; William McKinley Soccer Field-in packets
 - Designation of Suicide Prevention Contact per Policy 819
 - Athletic Handbook (status – likely approval in September)
 - Potential Title One/IU Services agreement (requirement if students in non-pubs qualify)
 - Textbook disposal (science and chemistry)
- Personnel:
 - Several Paraprofessionals
 - Substitute Teachers
 - Supplemental / Athletic Event Workers – possible Cheerleading Coach
 - Bus Aide Wages (\$10.75/hour)
 - Resignation: Mrs. Bransky-DiRicco; Hannah Thomas; Mallory Hopple; Jessica Gigliotti
 - Elementary teacher and elementary gifted teacher – change in status (Ogrodowski, Srodes)

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Ms. Good provided the following updates pertaining to Business Office items:

- Ala Carte lunch prices – will remain the same as last year and require a board motion
- Bus drivers and bus aides
- PSBA Officer Elections – will share information and approve these in September
- Local Audit update – auditors have materials and are in process of completing audit
- Fixed Asset Appraisal update – in progress
- Guaranteed Energy Savings Project update – potential RFP
- HVAC Systems, including air conditioning unit needs at the high school
- A survey is being conducted to address concerns related to tree growth near the Tenth Street playground
- Information pertaining to purchasing sheds to address chemical and other storage at each school building

Education Committee Update

Mr. Hewitt shared that the JHSH earned a Newsweek “Beating the Odds” award (top 500 schools in country, #3 in the regions) and provided details related to progress with AP classes and scores and the SAT course and impact data. It was agreed that he would ask Mr. McNally to begin collecting data that assists with measuring progress and impact.

Mr. Hewitt provided an update on summer school and indicated that some revisions will be made to the program next year based on how things went this year. He also shared information about a University of Pittsburgh program “ESCAPE” that will be used in Social Studies classes. The program provides additional instructional resources to staff and students.

Dr. Coudriet shared information pertaining to Ed Insight and how it will be used to assist with RCEP development and monitoring student progress.

Mr. Hewitt discussed how a 6 day rotation will impact more opportunities for students in science classes to have labs that are critical for success and learning.

Mrs. Plance shared details related to the success of Kindercamp.

Dr. Coudriet shared information pertaining to preschool outreach and the Governor’s Institute through work with the library, RSD staff, and other local preschool employees.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55.

An executive session was held from 8:56 until approximately 10:25 to discuss personnel matters.