

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Education Center, 2229 E. Buck Road Pennsburg, PA 18073

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

March 17, 2022 6:00PM, Multipurpose Room, Education Center

Agenda

CHAIR: Mr. Mike Elliott, Curriculum & Instruction Ex-Officio: Mrs. Judy Maginnis, President

MEMBERS Curriculum & Instruction:

Dana Hipszer, Emily McCormick
Superintendent – Dr. Allyn J. Roche
Assistant Superintendent – Dr. Andrea Farina
Director of Curriculum & Instruction – Kimberly Bast
Director of Technology – James Roth
Curriculum Supervisor – Sarah Rothermel

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SLIDE DECK for 3/17/22

1. Approval of February 2022 Meeting Minutes (see next page). **Minutes approved.**
2. [Future Ready PA Index](#)- Informational item- **Mrs. Bast shared the information related to FRPA Index overall and specifics related to UPSD. Link is available for further investigation as needed. As we see this year's information, it is important to take the scores in the context of pandemic schooling. We have always emphasized the need for multiple measures to assess student growth and achievement, our State exams give one small piece of the picture. Participation statewide in the assessments was down from the 90% range to the 70% range last year.**
3. Upcoming in-service Activities- Shared as FYI, see [Slide deck](#) for more information.
 - A. March 18, 2022
 - B. April 8, 2022
 - C. May 17, 2022
4. Update on Library Book Review Requests, Two others will be done in March - **Dr. Farina provided an update on the two books reviewed, and the sharing of results with the petitioner. Both books (A,B below) have been retained without restriction with a reminder that parents have full access to utilize the card catalog system to see what students are checking out either electronically or hard copy, and if there is an objections, parents should contact the librarian immediately to have the book pulled back from the student.**
 - A. Out of Darkness
 - B. The Bluest Eye

The other two books are in review currently, with results set to be shared with the petitioner on March 25, 2022: Beyond Magenta, and All Boys Aren't Blue
5. Upcoming events - **Mrs. Bast shared information related to the preparation for State Assessments and the plans for training and implementation for the 2022 Keystone and PSSA Exams. The dates of the assessments are listed below, with a link for additional information. The task is arduous in terms of**

training and prep at the district and school level, and during administration of exams for the school level teams.

A. State Assessments- Training and administration

PSSAs, Grades 3-8: ELA April 25-29, Math/Science (4th & 8th)/Make ups May 2-13
Keystone Exams: Algebra I (MS, HS),
Biology, Literature May 16-27

B. PVAAS Roster Verification- Dates:

first time in 2 years; % of instructional responsibility for PSSA and Keystone Teachers.

SY21-22 Roster Verification Phase Dates

- Preview Phase: April 27 – May 6, 2022
- Teacher Phase: May 7 – May 20, 2022
- School Admin Phase: May 21 – June 3, 2022
- District Admin Phase: June 4 – June 24, 2022

By way of explanation, PVAAS Roster Verification is the process of teachers “claiming” responsibility for instructing students in a given school year. Roster verification is a process used to provide PVAAS teacher-specific reporting based on accurate data. This process is for teachers and administrators to document and verify that each student is linked accurately to one or more teachers – for the correct state assessment(s) and the appropriate proportion of instructional responsibility. The roster verification process is completed using the PVAAS web-based roster verification system, provided to LEAs by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Teachers will receive a three year rolling average based on the state assessment results which will appear as a part of their evaluation beginning three years from now, as 2022 is the new baseline for the three years.

QUESTIONS from Audience member, Mr. Gene Doloff.

Mr. Doloff shared concerns about the level of civics and government being taught at UPSD. He believes this topic is important to emphasize in curriculum and schools. The questions/requests he voiced were:

1. How does the work of the Comprehensive Plan overlap with the Curriculum Review Cycle? How are they interrelated and would we see this in the comprehensive plan?
2. What impact does our current comprehensive plan have on civics and history education?
3. Is our curriculum aligned with PA Academic Standards (there is a note on the standards indicating that standards are not curriculum)?
4. Is CRT or the 1619 project being taught to staff/students in any way?
5. REQUEST- If the curriculum maps are available for HS Social Studies, could they be made available to Mr. Doloff?

Mrs. Bast indicated she would answer these questions in an email to Mr. Doloff and copy the group at the table.

**Next meeting, Thursday, April 21, 2022
6:00pm, Education Center Multipurpose Room**

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Attendees: Mrs. Judy Maginnis, Mr. Dana Hipszer, Mrs. Emily McCormick, Ms. Peg Pennepacker, Dr. Farina, Mrs. Rothermel, Mr. Roth, Mrs. Bast

1. Approval of January 2022 Meeting Minutes (see next page). **Approved.**
2. Approval Item: Update of Curriculum Writing Contract for Spanish IV, Rachel Schmeckenbecher to change the payment of Spanish IV to a NEW course revision, paid \$1800 rather than \$900 on next Board Agenda? **Discussion of expanding language offerings. Currently offering German, French and Spanish, but is there interest in Mandarin or American Sign Language, or other foreign language offerings? Motion approved for approval of agenda item. This will appear on the March full board meeting agenda.**
3. Approval items for the next School Board agenda: End of Year Curriculum projects. Due to FDK, and changes in curriculum delivery and assessments during Covid instruction, there is a need to clean up some items:
 - a. FDK- 3rd grade - integrate updated ELA curriculum (Foundations, Heggerty, Writing, etc.)
 - b. 4th-5th Curriculum Clarity with Math and ELA, Assessment review
 - c. MS & HS- Edgenuity updates, Rigor of Math and ELA assessments, curriculum clarity**Total cost \$15,000** with teachers to be identified. Though this was not in the original budget, [the money is there due to savings and offsetting costs](#) from other areas.

We are seeking volunteers for these projects. Some of these projects will be complete prior to July 1, 2022. Priority areas are the Kindergarten standards based report card and K-3 ELA curriculum. Motion approved to add the agenda item to the March voting board meeting.
4. Informational Item: Integration of Technology & Instruction
UPSD favorite applications shared- Boom Cars, Kami, Freckle, Lexia, Pear Deck, SeeSaw, Dreambox, NewsELA
5. Informational Item: Upcoming Professional Development - 2.5 Hours February 18, 2022
K-3 Supporting all Students, 4-5 TLS Workshop
Upcoming: 6-12, Teacher Options (February, March)
 - TLS Professional Learning
 - QPR- CONFIRMED 2 Hours
 - Suicide prevention - refresher, 1 hour
 - Navigating LGBTQ+ Terminology & creating a safe space for students 2 Hours (in November 39 teachers attended, for tomorrow, 21 teachers are registered to attend.
 - Managing Secondary Trauma 1 Hour
 - Executing Boundaries to Protect Compassionate Support Delivery 1 Hour
6. Informational Item: MTSS Mid-year Data Analysis: Celebrations and Next Steps
Data from K-12 shared, as well as more information on our MTSS model and data analysis protocols.

Next meeting March 17, 2022 6pm Education Center