
Attachment A
Meeting Minutes September 28, 2020

UPPER PERKIOMEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
Education Center
2229 E. Buck Road Pennsburg, PA 18073
Curriculum and Instruction Committee Meeting

September 28, 2020 6:00PM, Via Zoom, Meeting Recorded

CHAIR: Dr. Kerry Drake

Ex-Officio: Dr. Kerry Drake, President

MEMBERS:

Stephen Cunningham, Judy Maginnis

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

AGENDA- Presentation linked here, Notes below in RED

Zoom meeting was recorded and is posted on the website

1. Approval of June 2020 Meeting Minutes (Attachment A)
2. Virtual Learning Updates-
 - A. What's working well- **Schedule, Collaboration, teacher preparation and effort, attendance and participation, support for families through Connections Coordinators and other**
 - B. Challenges that remain- **working out some technology issues, training on the large number of new products, logistical planning for potential hybrid schedule**
 - C. **Technology is going well**
 - D. **Will be a need to maintain in-person and virtual learning so as not to lose instructional time.**
 - a. **We will need to thoughtfully plan if we're ½ in, ½ out**
 - b. **Admin is looking at hybrid models, looking at continued learning on how to balance students both at home and in the classroom.**
 - c. **Staff survey asked teachers to share what they need to be successful**
 - d. **Dr. Drake asked if there were any thoughts on extending the school day or shifting the current curriculum for virtual delivery. Some of our gaps appear to be manpower related.**
 - i. **Grant money has been used to acquire a Tech Integration Coach position**

Committee Mission Statement:

To support and enable instructional opportunities that engage students at all levels to achieve at their highest potential ensuring success in both academics and in life after graduation; resulting in a district where students want to learn, teachers want to teach, and parents/guardians want to send their children.

In order to assist in keeping an accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting, the meeting is being videotaped by the District.

- ii. We will continue to think outside of the box as we explore our options
3. Curriculum Purchases to Support Virtual Learning- Accelerate Ed, Pear Deck, See Saw, Lexia, Imagine Math, Freckle, NearPod, Kami, most purchased with Grant Money (approximately \$210,000)
4. [Full Day K update](#)- link to updated timeline
 - i. Admin team met to plan out next steps in Full Day K implementation planning. A new timeline was set
 - ii. We will be meeting with FDK teachers on 10/14 to regroup, do curriculum work and analyze assessments
 - iii. Hoping to make a presentation to the board in January, 2021 with our recommendations for personnel, transportation, facilities, and technology needs and associated costs.
 - iv. There is no delay in implementation of the full day Kindergarten program at this time, but we are dependent on many curriculum writers and other factors.
5. [Curriculum Review](#) scheduled for 2020-2021; click on link to see scheduled work for 20-21
6. Ready to Learn Grant Funding, PPCD Grant Funding - Technology Integration Specialist (1)
 - i. Technology Integration Specialist- A candidate at the Elementary level has been vetted. We are hoping to have a new teacher in and transitioned by mid-October
 - This position will be for 1 year, but we would like to continue this role moving forward, should funding be available.
 - This will be moved to a full board meeting.
7. [Review of 2019-2020 and goals for 2020-2021](#)- See slides, which will be integrated with ones Dr. Drake provided, to be presented in October to the full School Board.
8. World Language Update - All three languages are being offered for interested students in 8th grade: Current enrollment: 101 in Spanish, 17 in German, and 13 in French.
 - i. Currently offering all 3 languages to 8th grade students
9. High School St. Luke's Program- Seven seniors will participate in Monday morning lectures via Microsoft Teams beginning October 12, 2020
10. Comments & Questions- Parent concern expressed about HS Gifted Seminar, Mrs. Bast will follow up with family.

Date for next meeting: Monday, October 26, 2020 6:00pm