

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
February 8, 2017

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices  
1:00 p.m.

**Attending all or part of the meeting:**

**Board Committee Members:** Katharine Murphy (Chair), Roberta Hotinski, Virginia Lastner

**Other Board Members:** Doug Carlson

**TE School District Representatives:** Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Mark Cataldi, Patrick Gately, Richard Gusick, Andrea Chipego, Mike Szymendera

**Community Members:** Amy Alvarez, Doug Anestad, Christine Arnault, Melissa Bloom, Ray Clarke, Sarah Culbert, Caryn Gourley, Marine Havel, Heather Ward

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Doug Anestad commented on upcoming Committee agenda items.

Marine Havel commented on school start times.

Marine Havel commented on the **District's Anti-Bullying Program.**  
Doug Anestad commented on the **District's Anti-Bullying Program.**

Ray Clarke commented on the **District's 1:1 Technology Initiative.**  
Doug Anestad commented on the **District's 1:1 Technology Initiative.**  
Amy Alvarez commented on the **District's 1:1 Technology Initiative.**

Ray Clarke commented on the **District's Enrollment Update.**

**Approval of Minutes:**

The January 11, 2017 minutes were approved.

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee reviewed **the District's Anti-Bullying Program**. Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability, shared information on District bully prevention programs, including proactive measures to foster a positive school climate in District schools, the Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) elementary school curriculum, the Olweus Bully Prevention Program (OBPP) at the elementary and middle schools, and social health and schoolwide unity and community measures at Conestoga High School. Mr. Cataldi answered several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee expressed support for the District's ongoing anti-bullying programs and suggested that the District continue to track the results of the Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) and other data to inform the District's anti-bullying efforts.

The Committee reviewed the **District's 1:1 Technology Initiative Update**. Dr. Szymendera, Director of Instructional Technology, updated the Committee on the 1:1 Technology Initiative at Conestoga High School, including updates on related staff development and technical support. Dr. Szymendera answered several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee expressed support for the second phase of the 1:1 Implementation Plan for the fall of 2017, which proposes 1:1 access for students in grades 9 and 12. The Committee requested a fall, 2017 update on year one of the 1:1 Technology Initiative.

The Committee reviewed the **District's Enrollment Update**. Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning, shared information regarding the updated projected enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year based on available classroom space in District schools. Dr. Towle also shared information about the increasing Kindergarten enrollment in the District, relative to the number of live births in Tredyffrin & Easttown Townships. Finally, Dr. Towle shared an elementary enrollment update with 5-year elementary enrollment projections and considerations for the Committee to ensure building capacity to implement the Board approved educational program. Dr. Towle answered several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee recommended that the School Board President form an ad hoc committee to study possible actions moving forward.

The Committee received an update on the free **SCOIR** web-based college search tool available to students and parents at Conestoga High School from Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability. The Committee recommended that the District use SCOIR as an additional tool to support students and parents in the college search process, alongside the current Naviance program.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Next meeting: **March 8, 2017**