

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2018

Tredyffrin/Easttown Administrative Offices  
6:30 p.m.

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

**Board Committee Members:** Roberta Hotinski (chair), Kyle Boyer (via speaker phone), Katharine Murphy, Tina Whitlow

**Other Board Members:** Scott Dorsey, Todd Kantorczyk, Edward Sweeney, Heather Ward

**TE School District Representatives:** Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Mark Cataldi, Michele Staves, Richard Gusick

**Community Members:** Sarah Culbert, Coleen Hillman, Susanne Neubig, Karen Vadner, Huizi Zhang, Marine Havel, Jordan McCain, Xavier Arnault, Rania El Desoki, Tracey Sloan, Brooke Hauer, Alison Hallan, Chrispin Hallam, Stacey Pellegrini, Juliette Hyson, Jeff Hyson, Kerry Sophocles, Jennifer McKinley, Nancy Coradi

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Xavier Arnault commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**  
Rania El Desoki commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**  
Chrispin Hallam commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**  
Kerry Sophocles commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**  
Nancy Coradi commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**  
Huizi Zhang commented on **ERBs, PSATs, Winter Keystones.**

Jeff Hyson commented on the **College and Career Transition Course.**  
Juliette Hyson commented on the **College and Career Transition Course.**  
Xavier Arnault commented on the **College and Career Transition Course.**

Xavier Arnault commented on **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**  
Rania El Desoki commented on **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**  
Nancy Coradi commented on **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**  
Marine Havel commented on **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**  
Huizi Zhang commented on **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**

Rania El Desoki commented on School Calendar and Religious Holidays.  
Huizi Zhang commented on School Calendar and Religious Holidays.

**Approval of Minutes:**

The March 5, 2018 minutes were approved. The Committee requested an addition to the minutes of the Reading Support Program summary.

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee reviewed the **ERBs, PSATs, Winter keystones.**

The Committee reviewed a summary of the 2017 Testing Results (including ERB/PSAT/Keystone). Mr. Mark Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability, shared information about fall Educational Records Bureau (ERB) testing results, fall Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) 8/9 and PSAT/ National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) results, and winter Keystone Exams results. Mr. Cataldi also shared information on the PSSA Seminar courses. He provided financial context to inform the committee on the impact of possible budget strategies related to testing and support courses. Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Gusick answered several questions from community and Committee members. There were no Committee recommendations.

The Committee reviewed the **College and Career Transition Course.**

The Committee received an update on the College and Career Transition Course. Mr. Cataldi, Director of Assessment and Accountability, shared information about the development of the new course at Conestoga High School, including: purpose and need; connection to the District Strategic Plan; course components; and structure. The College and Career Transition Course is a School Board approved course required for Grade 11 students beginning in 2018-19. Mr. Cataldi and Dr. Gusick answered several questions from community and Committee members. There were no Committee recommendations.

The Committee reviewed **Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep.**

The Committee reviewed a report on Later Start Times and Adolescent Sleep. Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning shared actions taken to gather data on the topic including monitoring of local school districts as well as reviewing research provided from sleep experts. Dr. Towle and Dr. Gusick answered several questions from the community and Committee members. The Committee recommended that District Administration include the study of adolescent sleep and school start times as a TESD District goal for 2018-19.

Additional Non -Agenda Item :

Dr. Wendy Towle informed the Committee about the ongoing process to implement the Middle School Technology 1:1 Initiative. She shared information from Dr. Mike Szymendera relative to budgeting funds for the purchase of laptops for the 18-19 school year. While the Middle School Initiative is listed as a possible budget strategy, the goal is to initiate the next steps in the process prior to the approval of the new budget. The District's experience has been that placing the order at the end of April or beginning of May will provide sufficient time to prepare and deploy the devices at the start of the new school year. Dr. Towle shared the timeline and goal of having Board direction by the end of April.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25p.m.

Next meeting: **May 7, 2018**