

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
May 7, 2018

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

Attending all or part of the meeting:

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

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

TE School District Representatives: Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Michele Staves, Anthony DiLella, Amy Meisinger, Art McDonnell, Richard Gusick

Community Members: Amy Alvarez, Jill Semmer, Andrea Sau, Jessica Schneck, Dalia Osman, Jamie Lynch, Rania El Desoki, Melissa Morgan, Debbie Kuch, Shannon Korff, Wendy Brooks, Brooke Hauer, Laurie Pederson, Kate Mayer, Dalia El-Sheif, Jordan McCain, Kym Liebler, Lucia Liebler

The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.

Public Comment:

Rania El Dosaki commented on the **High School Room Utilization Report**.
Jill Semmer commented on the **High School Room Utilization Report**.
Pat Wood commented on the **High School Room Utilization Report**.

There were no comments on **Graduation and All School Scholars**.

Non-Agenda Items:

Lucia Liebler commented on dyslexia and reading programs in TE.
Kate Mayer commented on dyslexia and reading programs in TE.
Jamie Lynch commented on dyslexia and reading programs in TE.
Kym Liebler commented on dyslexia and reading programs in TE.
Wendy Brooks commented on dyslexia and reading programs in TE.

Jill Semmer commented on the College and Career Transition course at Conestoga.

Rania El Dosaki commented on District calendar related to Muslim holidays.
Dalia El-Sheif commented on District calendar related to Muslim holidays.
Dalia Osman commented on the portrayal of Islam in the District curriculum.

Approval of Minutes:

The revised March 5, 2018 minutes were approved.

The April 2, 2018 minutes were approved.

Committee Discussion and Recommendations:

The Committee reviewed the **High School Room Utilization Report**.

Dr. Wendy Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development and Planning, provided context on the connection between rising District enrollment and current limitations within facilities, particularly at Conestoga High School. Dr. Amy Meisinger, Principal of Conestoga and Dr. Anthony DiLella, Assistant Principal at Conestoga provided a detailed report on the current status of high school room utilization as influenced by the “Access, Options, and Choice” philosophy of student course selection. Under that premise, students’ course selection guides the development of the master schedule. Dr. Meisinger and Dr. DiLella shared room utilization projections based on the Demographer’s report through 2024. Currently all spaces that can be used as classrooms have been utilized. Projections show that science lab utilization is already close to maximized and will be over capacity by 2021. Regular classrooms have a similar projection by 2023. Parking space allotment and study hall changes were also discussed as impacts on the facility. Options considered to reduce building stressors included modifications to the educational program, construction projects, and grade realignment. Dr. Gusick, Dr. Meisinger, Dr. DiLella, Dr. Towle, and Mr. Art McDonnell, District Business Manager, answered questions from Board Members and the community. After discussion, the Committee recommended that the Facilities and Finance Committees further investigate construction projects to expand facilities at Conestoga High School to protect the integrity of the current educational program.

The Committee reviewed **Graduation and All School Scholars**.

Dr. Amy Meisinger provided background on Conestoga’s graduation program relating to the recognition of All School Scholars. Dr. Meisinger explained that after discussions with families, guidance counselors, and the Conestoga Awards Committee a change would be implemented to the graduation ceremony. Beginning this year, All School Scholars will be honored during the diploma roll call where they will receive accolades and items relative to their achievements without college selections being shared. Dr. Meisinger and Dr. Gusick answered questions from the Committee and the community. There were no Committee recommendations.

Other Non-Agenda Items:

Dr. Towle explained the role of Tech Mentors and professional conferences and workshops as these items are currently listed as possible budget strategies. Dr. Towle and Dr. Gusick answered questions from the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Next meeting: **September, 2018**