

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

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

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

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

**Other Board Members:** Doug Carlson

**TE School District Representatives:** Wendy Towle (Administrative Liaison), Nancy Adams, Mark Cataldi, Patrick Gately, Richard Gusick, Oscar Torres, Andrea Chipego, Chris Groppe, Mike Szymendera

**Community Members:** Amy Alvarez (TEEA Representative), Doug Anestad, Xavier Arnault, Maria Buhl, Ray Clarke, Sarah Culbert, Karen Huang, Cheryl Lowery, Jamie Lynch, Patrick McHugh, Elizabeth Mercogliano, Suzanne Neubig, Natalie Sudall, Heather Ward, Yuanqing Yu

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

**Public Comment:**

Xavier Arnault commented on student enrollment, teaching memory techniques, high school start times, and PSSAs.

Xavier Arnault commented on the **Special Education Report**.  
Doug Anestad commented on the **Special Education Report**.  
Ray Clarke commented on the **Special Education Report**.  
Elizabeth Mercogliano commented on the **Special Education Report**.  
Maria Buhl commented on the **Special Education Report**.

Doug Anestad commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Karen Huang commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Patrick McHugh commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Xavier Arnault commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Natalie Sudall commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Jamie Lynch commented on the **World Languages Update**.  
Heather Ward commented on the **World Languages Update**.

Doug Anestad commented on the **Technology Instruction Update**.  
Xavier Arnault commented on the **Technology Instruction Update**.  
Natalie Sudall commented on the **Technology Instruction Update**.

Xavier Arnault commented on the **Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment Update**.  
Ray Clarke commented on the **Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment Update**.  
Doug Anestad commented on the **Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment Update**.  
Ray Clarke commented on the **Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment Update**.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The February 8, 2017 minutes were approved.

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee received the **Special Education Report** from Dr. Chipego, Director of Individualized Student Services. Dr. Chipego updated the Committee on the District's continuum of student services, multi-tiered intervention, student health services, psychological services, mental health supports, numbers of special education students and caseload limits, staffing, budget impact items, and points of pride. Dr. Chipego answered several questions from community and Committee members.

The Committee received the **World Languages Update** from Dr. Torres, Supervisor of World Languages. Dr. Torres reviewed elearning opportunities for elementary World Language; extracurricular club-based options for delivery of elementary World Language; elementary World Language programs in surrounding school districts; the impact of a Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) or Experience (FLEX) program in fourth grade; and the ongoing study of cultures and languages at the elementary schools. Dr. Torres also updated the Committee on the ongoing redesign of the District World Language Program as well as measures to promote enthusiasm for language learning for elementary students. Dr. Torres answered several questions from community and Committee members. The Committee unanimously recommended that the District continue to emphasize measures to promote understanding of cultures and enthusiasm for language learning in the elementary schools, with special priority given to grade 4, and review the current 5<sup>th</sup> grade FLEX World Language program in the fall of 2017.

The Committee reviewed the **Technology Instruction Update**. Dr. Adams, Supervisor of Business/Technical Education, updated the Committee on the grades 7 and 8 technology advisory initiatives and options for scheduling grades 5 and 6 technology education. Dr. Adams answered several questions from community and Committee members. The Committee recommended that the District move forward with the addition of two technology advisory modules in grades 7 and 8. The Committee also recommended that the District review the options for grades 5 and 6 technology education during the 2017-2018 school year.

The Committee received an **Ad Hoc Committee for Elementary Enrollment Update** from Mr. Doug Carlson, School Board President. Mr. Carlson addressed several questions from community and Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

Next meeting: **April 3, 2017** (*Originally scheduled for April 5, 2017*)