

DRAFT PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL  
BOARD EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES  
January 11, 2017

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

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

**Board Committee Members:** Katharine Murphy (Chair), Scott Dorsey, Kevin Buraks, Roberta Hotinski

**Other Board Members:** Michele Burger, Doug Carlson, Virginia Lastner, Edward Sweeney

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

**Community Members:** Amy Alvarez, Doug Anestad, Ray Clarke, Sarah Culbert, Tara Hedlund, Jerry Henige, Jamie Lynch, Cinda Marturano, Heather McConnell, Pat McHugh, Laura Mills, Susanne Neubig, Stephen Popielarski, Yuanqing Yu

The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Public Comment:**

Jamie Lynch commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Pat McHugh commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Cinda Marturano commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Doug Anestad commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Ray Clarke commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Tara Hedlund commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Susanne Neubig commented on the **World Languages Review**.  
Yuanqing Yu commented on the **World Languages Review**.

Doug Anestad commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.  
Jamie Lynch commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.  
Cinda Marturano commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.  
Ray Clarke commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.  
Stephen Popielarski commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.  
Pat McHugh commented on **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review**.

## **Approval of Minutes:**

The November 9, 2016 were approved.

## **Committee Discussion and Recommendations:**

The Committee received the **World Language Review** from Dr. Torres, Supervisor of World Languages, and Dr. Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning. Dr. Torres and Dr. Towle reviewed the November 2016 Education Committee considerations, the types of World Language programs in elementary schools, the prior FLES program from 2008 and forces that required a change to that program, the impact of FLES implementation on the current elementary schedule, and the cost of a FLES program aligned to the research. Dr. Torres and Dr. Towle addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee recommended that the District continue to investigate: elearning opportunities for elementary World Language; extracurricular club-based options for delivery of elementary World Language; elementary World Language programs in surrounding school districts; and the impact of a Foreign Language Experience (FLEX) program in fourth grade.

The Committee received the **Technology Curriculum & Instruction Review** from Dr. Nancy Adams, Supervisor of Business/Technical Education. Dr. Adams reviewed: previous and current Applied Tech programs and costs; the current elementary and middle school special areas schedule rotations; and options for change in elementary and middle school and costs. Dr. Adams addressed several questions from Committee and community members. The Committee recommended that the District convene the Middle School Advisory Committee in order to revise the Advisory Initiatives in grades 7 and 8 to include Applied Tech skills. The Committee also recommended that the District continue to investigate the Applied Tech course content for grades 5 and 6, along with the certifications needed for teachers to deliver Applied Tech instruction in grades 5 and 6, for additional review at a future Education Committee meeting.

The Committee received a **Calendar** update from Dr. Towle, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, Staff Development, and Planning. The Committee recommended that the District change the wording of non-instructional days on the District's 'Single Page Summary Calendar' from "no students report" to "no school for students."

The Committee suggested that the review of the **District's Anti-Bullying Program** be moved to the February meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

Next meeting: **February 8, 2017**