



Academic and Technology Committee

November 15, 2021 – In-Person Meeting
2:00pm

- I. Call to Order at 2:07pm
- II. Roll Call (Present: Trustee Lyons, Trustee Chambers, Trustee Martin, Mr. Mitcham)
- III. Approval of Agenda (moved by Trustee Lyons, seconded by Trustee Chambers; motion carries unanimously)
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes—October 18 Meeting (moved by Trustee Lyons, seconded by Trustee Chambers; motion carries unanimously)
- V. Public Comment
 - a. Dr. Ashley Ahlin 1773 Walnut Heights—feedback from 13 years in ELPS. Requesting more opportunities for advanced students.
 - b. Debbie Walton 1536 Stanlake – Suggestion that District should focus on getting more info out to families about testing into certain programs in middle school and high school.
- VI. Agenda Topics/Action Items
 - ACADEMIC (Mr. Mitcham)
 - a. Staffing updates
 1. Red Cedar art and music
 2. Kindergarten teacher at Marble
 3. MS resource room teacher
 4. Three student support monitors

b. Curriculum Updates

1. Middle school Social Studies
 1. Down to 2 curricula – McGraw Hill and Savas Learning—these rose to the top
 2. We are reaching out to other Districts using these curricula
 3. Pilot begins in February continuing through March
 - a. Working through details of how pilot will work
2. Elementary Literacy
 1. Two meetings of this committee so far, including a productive meeting last week
 2. Two finalists are:
 - a. EL Education
 - b. Bookworms
 3. Evaluating pros and cons and setting up pilot program for early spring
3. Support for MS Math Instruction
4. Middle School Science – department wants to move away from open sci ed
 1. Looking to deep dive into 2-3 other curricula
 2. This will also have to happen this year

c. Student Representative(s) to Committee

1. Two strong applicants (names withheld from minutes)
2. We will invite both students to join as student reps; one may go to policy committee or they may serve on both committees

d. Motion to instruct Mr. Mitcham to invite 2 student reps (moved by Trustee Lyons, seconded by Trustee Chambers; motion carries unanimously)

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TECHNOLOGY (Mr. Palasty)

e. Technology Updates

1. Working with Sentinel to conduct network audit

2. Lots of changes since last security audit
 3. Holistic security assessment
 4. New replacement screens
 - f. 10 year planning for tech expenditures
 1. Beginning to engage plan for next 10 years
 - g. Need to figure out if 1 to 1 is sustainable
 1. Hard to keep up with replacement of devices
 2. Need to look at updates to tech policies now that we are 1 to 1
 - h. Classroom AV Upgrades
 1. Coming up for vote at next board meeting
 2. Coming from sinking fund
- VII. New Business/Future Meeting topics
 - A. Future Topics:
 - a. We need to “on-board” student reps
 - b. Potentially inviting Ms. Schwarzbek to discuss counseling review and course registration
 - B. Future Meeting Dates
 - a. Will be determined
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Adjournment at 3:30pm