

Curriculum Committee

March 14, 2019

Present: Lynn Piascyk, Chair; Maegan Genovese, Joyce Shavers, Board Members; Bob Gilbert, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Assistant Principal; Monique MacDonald, Jeanne Ciarleglio, James Crawford, Teachers; Jeffrey Townsend, Salem Vouras, community.

1. Meeting called to order: 4:33 PM
2. Public Comment: None
3. Technology Presentation
 - a. Technology Program overview- aligned to ISTE standards. Available to all parents and staff.
 - b. Technology Plan- no longer required by the state, but Woodbridge School District continues to develop one. In previous years: laptops to teachers, mobile technology (iPads into classroom), Smart Boards in classrooms, “beyond the walls”- expand learning outside of the walls of Beecher- this includes Principal’s message sent via e-blast, use of Google Classroom etc.
 - i. Next phase of the plan: Creating a Trusted Learning Environment. Overarching goal is to teach our students and staff how to create and maintain practices to stay safe online. Essential question: How do we create a trusted learning environment that practices and promotes safe and secure data privacy guidelines for the Woodbridge School District?
 - ii. Implementation will be 2019-2022.
 - iii. Suggestion made: continue to ensure that teachers have access to the tools and programs they need for instruction while still meeting student data privacy laws.
 - c. Further updates and information:
 - i. Recent presentation to the faculty regarding schools becoming targets of hacking and identity theft
 - ii. Technology wish list: having students more frequently or for longer periods of time, less need for space due to 1:1 with iPads on a regular basis, financial: replacement cycle for computers, iPads, laptops, Smart Boards etc., software- per/student, ,per/year cost increasing.
 - iii. Division of roles within the Tech Department → many online systems now in place including registration, surveys, testing etc. In addition, full time teaching load for students in grades K-4.
 - iv. Curriculum- question around coding. Coding instruction spirals at Beecher. Open Tech lab offered to students in grades 5 through 6. Can technology be introduced into enrichment clusters in grades 3 and 4?
 - v. Is there best practices to help teachers gauge how much time students are spending using technology in the classroom? Our technology philosophy is that students are creators on iPads and not consumers.
 - vi. Question around keyboarding resources for parents to use at home--- Type To Learn is used at school and can be used at home as well.
4. Next meeting scheduled for April 11th. Topics to be determined. One possible idea is special education → what the law says, what it means to have an IEP, how the law works, how determinations are made for outplacements, behavioral issues, services provided- i.e. OT/PT, speech services, differences between IEP and 504. This may require more than one meeting.
5. Adjourn: 5:55 PM