



Academic and Technology Committee

August 16, 2021 – In-Person Meeting

2:00pm

- I. Call to Order at 2:05pm
- II. Roll Call (Present: Trustee Chambers, Trustee Lyons, Mr. Mitcham, Mr. Palasty)
- III. Approval of Agenda moved by Trustee Chambers; seconded by Trustee Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.
- IV. Approval of Meeting Minutes—June 21, 2021 moved by Trustee Chambers; seconded by Trustee Lyons. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Public Comment: none
- VI. Agenda Topics/Action Items
 - a. Summer Programming Wrap-Up (Mr. Mitcham)
 - i. Summer Programming was a great success – good chance for our students to stay connected and engage staff and teachers in different ways.
 1. Elementary in-person program was popular
 2. HS success course received so much positive feedback
 - ii. Around 1400 summer school participants; 375 in-person (which includes some overlap in programs). Approx. 1100 individuals participated in some form.
 - iii. Everyone is really pleased with the outcomes of the summer program. We would like to do something similar in the future, depending on funding.

iv. Mr. Mitcham will make a report to the whole Board at a future meeting about summer programming.

b. Planning for 2021-22 school year

i. Updates on health/safety guidance/protocols

1. We are open 5 days per week during normal school hours

2. Safety is obviously top priority

a. We will be doing many of the same safety interventions that we did in the spring.

b. Masking and distancing are important.

c. Biggest challenge is that we cannot limit numbers of students in buildings and classrooms

3. Superintendent Leyko circulated email with 9 categories of safety protocols and precautions. There will be probably be more emails

4. Looking at outdoor dining options for all buildings

ii. Options for students unable to attend in-person: We believe Capital Area K12 online program concept is really strong.

1. Goal is to support students in this online program as much as possible and keep in contact so they do not lose contact with the district (we believe many will return in the near future)

iii. Staffing update

1. About a dozen outstanding positions – typical for this time of year. Our applicant pool is exceptional and we have an easier time filling positions than other districts.

iv. Professional Learning goals for faculty

1. Mr. Mitcham provided handout entitled ELPS Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives 2021-2024.

- a. This document is our updated Mission, Goals, and Objectives from June 2021 goal setting exercise
 - b. We will focus on these goals as we plan professional development for teachers and staff in coming years
2. We have traditionally had a big assembly to begin the year, but now doing it on an individual building level because we cannot have large assemblies at this time and allow for social distancing
3. We are pursuing a strong emphasis/focus on staff wellness this year
 - a. creating places and time for staff to focus on their own wellbeing with everything else happening around them
 - b. this will be an emphasis of 8/23 sessions and there will be some follow up and support throughout the year
4. Equity efforts – Equity and social justice teams up and running in buildings. We will use some late start days for training consistent with Mission Statement, Goals, and Objectives
5. Mr. Mitcham is considering student-led professional learning at HS for last two late start days based on success in 2019 and interest within HS community.
- v. Big Picture info on curriculum reviews (social studies, reading street, MS math)
 1. MS math is not a curriculum review – more practice and tweaking + professional learning
 2. Reading street—will be underway soon. We are partnering with the ISD to pilot elementary literacy curricula.
 3. Social Studies – Mr. Mitcham has compiled detailed process for piloting and adoption of new SS

curriculum that was shared with the committee in a separate handout.

c. Technology Updates (Mr. Palasty)

i. Device collection ongoing

1. 445 devices/accessories still out from summer programming.

a. Mr. Palasty is tracking inventory and supplementing with new device

b. Still some devices outstanding from students who attended summer programs

2. About 150 still out from last year

a. If not returned, we can track and disable most devices

ii. Working on updating some HS classroom technology and transitioning to secondary 1 to 1

iii. Between covid funds and other funding sources, we have some flexibility in purchasing devices

d. Adding Student Committee Representative(s)

i. "Job Description" to provide to Ms. Kowalski

ii. Basic categories discussed by committee:

1. Willingness to offer insight, experience, critiques, and potential solutions concerning District curriculum, technology, student life, school processes and events

2. Ability to serve as Liaison and voice the concerns of fellow students in a constructive manner

3. Availability for committee meetings (approximately 30-45 mins per month)

4. Expectation that student will report out to students about the work of the committee, their contributions and thoughts to keep students up to date

iii. Timeline for selecting representative (ideally before 9/20 mtg)

iv. Will we need to adapt our scheduling of future meetings?

VII. New Business/Future Meeting topics

A. Future Topics:

- a. Reading Street
- b. 8th Grade Math
- c. Middle School Social Studies Curriculum Review
- d. College/Career Counseling Review Next Steps
- e. Pandemic extracurriculars/athletics check-in

B. Future Meeting Dates

- a. September 20, 2021 @ 2:00pm
- b. October 18, 2021 @ 2:00pm
- c. November 15, 2021 @ 2:00pm

VIII. Announcements: none

IX. Adjournment at 3:29pm