

**Plum Borough School District
Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

DATE: Wednesday, December 7, 2011
TIME: 6:08 pm
LOCATION: Board Room at PHS
PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Meeting

Committee Members Present: Mr. Joe Tommarello, Chairperson
Mr. Sal Colella, Member
Mrs. Loretta White, Member

Board Members Present: Mr. Kevin Dowdell
Mr. Andrew Drake
Mr. Tom McGough

Solicitor Present: No

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Mr. Joe Fishell
Mr. Jason Knisely
Mr. Ryan Kociela
Mrs. Judy Mahoney
Mrs. Kathleen Shirey
Mr. Fran Sciullo
Dr. Gail Yamnitzky

Staff Members Present: 10

Citizens Present: 1

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items:
None

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items:
None

Agenda Action Items:

1. Approve overnight field trip for Mr. Bronkaj, Mr. Birch, Mr. DeLuce, a nurse, a female chaperone, and the Plum High School Music Department Seniors to travel to Nashville, Tennessee from April 12 – 15, 2012.

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

2. Approve overnight field trip for Mr. Vollmer, Mr. Wayman, Mr. Flemm, Mr. Crieghton and 19 students to travel to St. Petersburg, Florida from March 21-25, 2012.

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Agenda Discussion Items:

1. Mandarin Chinese presentation/discussion

The Confucius Institute presenter was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Sakolsky spoke about his professional experience with NCUSRC and options available to the District. The committee discussed resources, time, focus, and the philosophy of a new World Language program and its possible implementation. Mr. Freese spoke about the possibility of teaching German at the high school using current resources. Administration will investigate a strategic long-term initiative involving Mandarin Chinese or other language(s) and report findings to the board prior to the December 20th Regular Board meeting. If insufficient discovery occurs, the initiative will be postponed until sufficient metrics are available. Discovery may include a strategic 4-year plan, student interest survey results and critical mass determination, online option availability, world language options, staffing, financial implications, and student progression through a 21st century curriculum.

Agenda Information Items:

1. Curriculum Writing update for 2012-2013 school year
 - a. Art, Family Consumer Science, and Science reviews
 - b. Presentations will occur at the January 3, 2012 meeting

Next Meeting Schedule:

DATE: January 3, 2012

TIME: 6:00pm

Committee Minutes by:	Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Adjournment:	7:01 PM