

**PLUM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

Mr. Joe Tommarello, Chairperson, Mr. Sal Colella, Mrs. Loretta White

DATE: December 4, 2012

TIME: Following Athletic Committee Meeting, called to order at 7:16

LOCATION: Board Room

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

CITIZENS' COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: NONE

Board Members Present:

Mr. Tommarello, Mr. Colella, Mrs. White, Mr. Drake, Mr. St. Leger, Mr. Dowdell, and Mr. Zucco

1. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Approve Varsity Baseball Overnight Field Trip Request to St. Petersburg, Florida, March 20-24, 2013, Booster and self-funded.

Action: Move forward

- b. Approve Kylie Tysarczyk, teacher at Center Elementary, Overnight Conference Request, to attend PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference in Hershey, PA on February 11 and 12, 2013.

Action: Move forward

- c. Approve Andy Bronkaj, High School Teacher, and Michael Kotcher, Junior, to attend the All East Orchestra Honors Ensemble, Hartford, Connecticut, April 4-7.

Action: Move forward

2. AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

3. AGENDA INFORMATION ITEMS:

a. Curriculum Update

- i. Curriculum: Administration provided an update on the curriculum writing progress for the following curricular areas:

1. K-8, ELA
2. K-8, MATH
3. High School Math
4. K-12, PE & HEALTH

ii. Keystone Exams

1. Administration provided an update on the Keystone Exams

iii. AP Honor Roll

1. The High School was selected for this year's "**AP District Honor Roll.**" This award is presented each year to districts that are able to expand access to AP courses to a more diverse group of learners while simultaneously improving performance.

4. **EC4 (Educator/ Corporation Collaboration on the Common Core)**
 - a. Pilot project in conjunction with the IU
 - b. Partnership between business and K-12 schools to advance STEM learning
 - c. Involves, Corporate Visits by educators
 - i. Alcoa, PPG, and Thermo Scientific
5. **Math Support Follow-up**
 - i. Administration is looking at maximizing current resources & some software programs for secondary students.
6. **Save the Date Memo**, attached
 - i. Public Education Meeting with Legislators, February 7, 2013, Intermediate Unit.
7. **Open Discussion**- The Board requested information on the following topics:
 - a. Organic Chemistry
 - b. Linear Algebra
 - c. Math and Reading Support
 - d. Technology Integration at Oblock
 - e. 190 day school year
 - f. International test scores
 - g. Eight period/Block Scheduling options
 - h. Grants

Adjourned, 7:54

NEXT MEETING:

DATE:

TIME: 6:00