



Plum Borough School District
900 Elicker Road
Plum, PA 15239

TO: Plum Borough Board of School Directors
FROM: Dr. Gail S. Yamnitzky, Acting Superintendent
RE: **Education Committee**
DATE: 6:00 pm, Tuesday, February 6, 2018; Board Room

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Citizens' Comments
 - a. Adam Hill - 4100 New Texas Road - comment regarding Plum being close to being on state watch list and his conversation with Senator Deluca
 - b. Leah Ann Weiss - 425 Vale Ave. - comment regarding previous meetings held with public to discuss district configuration
 - c. Michelle Gallagher, 7 Heather Court - comment regarding moving 8th grade to the HS
 - d. Carol Zangrilli - 137 Alcan Court - comment regarding foreign language courses being offered online
 - e. Tim Sandstrom - need address - comment regarding taxes Longwood Facility
 - f. Bill Chapla - need address - comment regarding a desire to see communication and comparison of Plum to other districts (sports, test scores); also commented on class rank.
4. Education Committee Agenda
 - a. On January 26th 104 students attended a guest speaker presentation at Plum High School on various careers. (information only)
 - b. CCAC Presentation - Dr. Mary Frances Archey & Dr. Strenkowski (provided information regarding CCAC's College in HS Program: teacher requirements, cost of credit, process of bring CCAC College in HS Program to Plum, process for student/parent, MOA would need to be signed for grades to be sent back to HS, timeframe for approving our teachers to teach CCAC courses)
 - i. committee discussion with Mr. Stephans regarding CCAC
 - ii. committee requested a report back regarding teachers / courses who have applied to be approved to instruct CCAC courses
 - iii. committee request to find out the dual enrollment courses students are taking at Franklin Regional (how many students, credit total, etc.)
 - c. High School Program of Study
 - i. Mr. Stephans - Summary of Changes (Mr. Stephans provided summary) (question from committee on credit for 8th graders taking Algebra I, Foreign Lang. - Dr. Yamnitzky wants to look at how other districts do this) (committee asked for Mr. Stephans' thoughts on biology; Mr. Stephans commented that in talking to other districts they are finding students taking



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bio in 10th perform better) (committee question for clarification on changes with robotics; request to keep committee apprised of enrollments) (committee asked for Mr. Stephans to look into pre-AP) (committee discussion regarding online and foreign language options; question about vendors we might want to consider for foreign language options)(committee comment about a desire to possibly require students to take at least one online course during HS; also a desire to investigate offering additional foreign language options) (Mr. Stephans asked to consider adding to POS “potentially will be offered as a blended learning course” for any course this may apply to)

- ii. March 1st Parent Information Night (Dual Enrollment/AP)
 - 1. [Dual Enrollment Courses](#)
- iii. AP Test Requirement Changes
- iv. Graduation Credit Requirement Discussion (change to adjust PE credit moved forward to voting/discussion meeting) (committee discussion on possible credit requirement changes; comment to make a change to PE 1 credit, .5 credit of health) (committee interested to see direction from new superintendent)(discussion on leaving social studies at 4 but making a change to semester courses) (Mr. Stephans commented on which classes would qualify as semester classes - sociology, econ law, psychology)
 - 1. [Plum Current Graduation Requirements](#)
- d. CPR Update/[Senate Bill 521 Summary](#) - Dr. Hadley (informational)
- e. Upcoming Events/Dates: (informational only)
 - i. Parent Forum on Diversity Meeting - February 7
 - ii. Preschool Meeting - February 27
 - iii. Parent Forum on Mental Health Awareness - February 28
 - iv. Kindergarten Registration - Week of March 12
- f. Summer Programs for Approval: (move to voting)
 - i. Plum Borough School District - [Summer Activity Program](#) (change in cost increase pointed out)
 - ii. ESY [Contract from Keystone Consulting](#) (Dr. Yamnitzky provided a summary of the Keystone contract proposal) (committee comment on the possibility of offering a summer academic program for students interested; Dr. Yamnitzky commented on summer programs offered in our community through the library)
 - iii. [Camp Invention](#) @ Holiday Park June 18-22 (committee comment on a desire to consider rotating this program through elementary schools; request by the ‘committee to know how many spots are available; request by the committee to review the Camp Invention flyer prior it to going out)
 - iv. STEM Girls Camp @ Plum High School June 18-21 (Mrs. Freese and Mrs. Reilly provided a summary of these summer camps) (committee question about whether or not we follow up with these students to see the impact;



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Mr. Stephans stated he plans to have lunch and learns to gather genuine feedback)

- v. STEM Staff Camp @ Plum High School June 25-28 (committee asked if there is an opportunity for boys; Mr. Stephans provided insight on these particular camps, this initiative, possibilities discussed for boys)
- g. Approve the following overnight trips: (move to voting pending additional information requested below)
 - i. (concern on ISTE conference cost; request made for Mr. Burkey to provide additional information regarding the benefits of this conference to the district; concern stated regarding the cost of the PA School Librarian Conference, request for a breakdown of cost for the conference and information on benefit to district; same request for the PASBO conference) (move PASBO to Finance Committee for discussion)(committee asked for consideration for the HS librarian to attend this conference every other year)

*Move the highlighted request to the Finance Committee Agenda.

Requested by:	Purpose:	Dates:	Destination:	Cost/Paid for by:
Colonel Peterson	Mountaineer Cadet Leadership School	June 17-23	Athens, WV	Fundraisers; Parent Contributions
Colonel Peterson	Cadet Leadership Course	June 2-10	Marine Corps Base Hawaii, Honolulu, HI	Fundraisers; Parent Contributions
Chris Burkey	ISTE 2018	June 24-27	Chicago, IL	\$4,500 / District
John Zahorchak	PASBO Annual Conference	March 7-9	Hershey, PA	\$900 / District
Kristen Rowe	PA School Librarian Assoc. Annual Conf.	March 28-30	Hershey, PA	\$800 / District
Sarah Fitzmaurice; Kristen O'Block	PDE Conference 2018	February 26-28	Hershey, PA	Paid for with Project Max Stipend from PDE for \$2,000

- h. Accept donation of: (move to voting)



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1. \$1000 worth of maps of the physical Internet received by Stephanie Reilly at the high school for their iMac lab. Donated by TeleGeography (a company that makes telecommunications map; each map is valued at \$250).
 2. \$5000 from Lowe's for the "Experience Virtual Reality in the PHS Media Center" to Stephanie Reilly at the high school.
 3. \$250 from DonorsChoose.org to Stephanie Reilly at the high school for Hue Smart Light Bulbs.
 4. \$158 through DonorsChoose.org for Mark Dinga, Pivik to provide eight high interest non-fiction books to the Pivik Library for the primary grades.
 5. \$158 through DonorsChoose.org for Mark Dinga, Pivik to provide sixteen non-fiction books to the Pivik Library for cross-curricular projects for the intermediate grades.
 6. \$5,000 has been awarded to Stephanie Reilly and Martha Freese from NEA for professional development camp this Spring
 7. \$200 awarded to Plum High School from AIU3 to support Remake Learning Days Event at PHS.
 8. \$200 awarded to Center Elementary School from AIU3 to support Remake Learning Days Event at Center.
 9. \$487.85 awarded to Nicole Pifer at Pivik through DonorsChoose.org for a light box and materials.
 10. Chromebooks awarded to David Evans at Regency through DonorsChoose.org.
 11. \$493.34 awarded to Nate Pfeiffer at Regency through DonorsChoose.org for Shero Coding Droids.
 12. \$5,000 awarded to the Jessica Griggle / Plum Food Service Department from the Mid-Atlantic Dairy Association to help support the breakfast program at the high school.
 13. 2 laptops awarded to Jessica Griggle / Plum Food Service Department by the Community Food bank to aid the cafes in the high school and the lounge at Oblock
5. Meeting Schedule
 - a. Regular Voting Meeting, February 27, 2018
 - b. Education Committee Meeting, March 6, 2018
 6. Adjourn