

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

DATE: Tuesday, August 9, 2011
TIME: 6:27 PM
LOCATION: PHS Administrative Conference Room
PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Meeting

Committee Members Present: Mr. Sal Colella, Chairperson
Mrs. Rose McGuirk, Member
Mrs. Loretta White, Member

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

Solicitor Present: No

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Lillian Naccarati
Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Mr. Gene Marraccini
Mr. Bob Alpino
Mr. Joe Fishell
Mr. Ed Hela
Mr. Jason Knisely
Mr. Ryan Kociela
Mr. Mike Loughren
Mr. Fran Sciallo
Mr. Justin Stephans

Staff Members Present: 10

Citizens Present: 7

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items:
None

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items:
None

Agenda Action Items:

1. 2011 PHS Saturday Detention report and recommendation for 2011-2012

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda following a discussion with PBEA regarding an MOU until the end of the teacher's contract.

2. 2011-2012 staffing assignments

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

3. 2011-2012 student teacher placements

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

4. Approve the IDEA Section 619 Pass Through Funds Use of Funds Agreement for the 2011-2012 School Year.

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Agenda Discussion Items:

1. Impact of Mandarin Chinese and Spanish (World Languages) in grades 2 – 12
--Move to the September Education Committee Meeting
2. International curriculum and learning opportunities in the elementary
--Move to the September Education Committee Meeting
3. Expanding performing arts opportunities
--Move to the September Education Committee Meeting

Agenda Information Items:

1. 2011 Preliminary PSSA Results and improvement plan frameworks
 - a. Elementary
 - b. Junior High School
 - c. High School

Administration presented preliminary PSSA results for our schools and subgroups. Discussions that followed the presentations included increased time in mathematics and core coursework, new just-in-time formative assessments, writing labs, internal and external benchmarking, improvement plans, (re)allocating resources, achievement trends, parent involvement, and communicating student achievement progress. A follow-up report will occur at the end of the first marking period during the first week on November.

2. 2011 Summer Reading Program report
3. 2011 Summer Recreation Program report
4. 2010-2011 Alternative Education update
5. Innovative Technology Pilot Program
--Move to the September Education Committee Meeting
6. Enrollment update
7. New PBSB Website will come online the week of August 15, 2011
8. Open House Dates
 - a. Elementary – October 13th at 7:00pm
 - b. Obblock – October 6th at 7:00pm
 - c. Plum High School – September 22nd at 7:00pm

Next Meeting Schedule:

DATE: September 6, 2011

TIME: Immediately following the Policy Committee

Committee Minutes by: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Adjournment: 8:19 PM