

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

DATE: Tuesday, January 3, 2012
TIME: 6:04 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
Mr. John St. Letger
Mr. Richard Zucco

Solicitor Present: Not Present

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Dr. Guy Rossi
Mr. Joe Fishell
Mr. Jason Knisely
Mr. Ryan Kociela
Mr. Mike Loughren
Mr. Fran Sciullo
Ms. Kathleen Shirey
Mr. Justin Stephans
Dr. Gail Yamnitzky

Staff Members Present: 18

Citizens Present: 1

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items:

Robin McGrath expressed concerns regarding Mandarin Chinese funding and Library funding.

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Agenda Action Items:

1. Approve second semester Student Teachers.

Committee Recommendation: Move to Regular Board Meeting Agenda

2. Approve department reviews and corresponding curricula for Art, Family Consumer Science, and Science.

Each department presented their curriculum review activities and products from the past year's review. Question and answer sessions followed each presentation. All of the presentations and curricula appear on the following web page:

<http://www.pbsd.k12.pa.us/Curriculum.aspx>.

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Agenda Discussion Items:

1. HB 1980 – PA proposed teacher evaluation system
HB 1980 will remain on the Education Agenda as a Discussion Item for the month of February.
2. Mandarin Chinese
Michelle Heryford and a visiting teacher from the Wuhan University presented the University of Pittsburgh’s Confucius Institute visiting teacher program. The School Board and audience engaged in a discussion concerning our District’s vision and direction. Mandarin Chinese will remain on the Education Agenda as a Discussion Item for the month of February.

Agenda Information Items:

1. Enrollment Update
2. PSSA Testing Schedule
3. Policy #237 implementation strategies

Next Meeting Schedule:

DATE: February 7, 2012

TIME: 6:00pm

Committee Minutes by: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Adjournment: 8:28 PM