

Plum Borough School District Education Committee Meeting Minutes

DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 2011
TIME: 6:19PM
LOCATION: Board Room at PHS
PURPOSE: Regular Monthly Meeting

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Andrew Drake
Mr. Jeff Matthews
Mr. Tom McGough

Solicitor Present: Mr. Lee Price

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Lillian Naccarati
Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Mrs. Margaret Evans
Mr. Joe Fishell
Mr. Jason Knisely
Mr. Ryan Kociela
Mrs. Judy Mahoney
Mr. Fran Scullo
Dr. Gail Yamnitzky

Staff Members Present: 17

Citizens Present: 3

Citizens' Comments on Agenda Items:

Robin McGrath expressed a funding concern regarding the new language program. She stated that competition for funding a new program would adversely impact other programs.

Citizens' Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

None

Agenda Action Items:

1. None

Agenda Discussion Items:

1. Secondary Extra-Curricular Eligibility Presentation
 - a. Mr. Wolfe presented the first 2 months of data collected on our new and increased extra-curricular eligibility requirements. The percent of ineligibility students increased slightly over the prior year. Additional data collection and student supports will continue to be analyzed. The district did not experience any decrease in student participation due to the more stringent requirements.

2. Mandarin Chinese Presentation
 - a. A discussion occurred regarding the implementation of a Mandarin Chinese language program via the University of Pittsburgh's Confucius Institute. A decision to participate must be made by January 15, 2012. Administration will invite the Confucius Institute Director to the next education meeting for a presentation and question and answer session.

3. Academic Improvement Plan Presentations
 - a. Building principals outlined details of their building level improvement plans. Strategies and methods varied and focused on improving classroom instruction and using data to guide teaching and learning to reach all students.
 - i. PHS
 - ii. Oblock
 - iii. Adlai
 - iv. Center
 - v. Holiday Park
 - vi. Pivik
 - vii. Regency Park

4. Challenged Library & Classroom Materials (Policies 109.1 and 109.2)
 - a. A parent concern regarding the selection of Library books was brought to administration. The committee, faculty, and administration engaged in a conversation about the selection of library materials and related policies. The school librarian explained how materials are selected for our libraries. The committee believes the current policy and procedures in place adequately addressed the parent concerns.

Agenda Information Items:

1. PBSD Elementary Battle of the Books
 - a. Wednesday November 9, 2012 from 7:00 – 9:00pm
 - b. Plum Senior High School Main Gymnasium

Next Meeting Schedule:

DATE: December 13, 2011

TIME: 6:00

Committee Minutes by: Dr. Timothy S. Glasspool
Adjournment: 7:50 PM