

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD April 25, 2016

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

An Education/Pupil Services Committee Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held April 25, 2016 in the Administration Building. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Schrader Lynch at 6:06 p.m. There was an introduction of all in attendance.

Committee members present: Jane Schrader Lynch, Mark B. Miller, Dana Morgan, Chuck Kleinschmidt

Board members present: Steven Adams, Michael Hartline

The following Administrative members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. David Baugh, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Raymond Kase, Cathy Perkins, Judith Hengst, Joe Rutz, Christine Matik, Travis Bloom, Andrew Doster.

The list of members of the public who attended is attached.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mrs. Lynch)

Mrs. Schrader Lynch led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Mrs. Lynch)

3.1 Approval of minutes from the Education/Pupil Services Committee meeting held Tuesday, March 22, 2016 (Action)

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan, to approve the minutes from the Education/Pupil Services Committee meeting of March 22, 2016. Motion carries, 3-0-1, with Mrs. Lynch abstaining.

4. FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN IMPLEMENTATION 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR

4.1 Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation 2017-2018 School Year (Information)

Dr. Polinchock explained that a task force was formed and they held four meetings in February. She explained the results from the survey of parents of incoming kindergarten students and the financial impact. The recommendation is to move forward with full day kindergarten implementation in the 2017-2018 school year. Dr. Baugh added the next step would be to put together a smaller task force to work on planning during the 2016-17 school year in order to have a smooth transition.

Mrs. Lynch asked why the cost of implementation is \$375,000 instead of the original figure of \$900,000 that was provided in February. Dr. Baugh explained the District will be using resources more efficiently. Mr. Miller requested the individual costs and how they apply. Mr. Hartline suggested that with regard to the cost for personnel, we put an asterisk and a footnote that says it is dependent upon reorganization.

Mr. Robert Shaffer asked what percentage of the parents who were surveyed were stay at home parents. Dr. Polinchock said we did not ask that question in the survey, so we do not know. In response to a question from Mr. Shaffer about the budget, Dr. Baugh said the cost of full day kindergarten will be budgeted for 2017-2018. Mrs. Lynch suggested that Mr. Shaffer address any additional questions he has on this topic with Dr Baugh and Dr. Polinchock directly.

Peggy Ann Cammarota said she is a PreK director and spoke about the need for down time during the school day with young children. She suggested using research to come up with an age appropriate program for kindergarten children.

Mr. David Shafter arrived at 6:19 p.m.

Additional comments were made by Mr. Adams, Mr. Miller, Ms. Morgan and Mrs. Lynch.

5. FUTURE READY LEADERSHIP TEAM

5.1 Future Ready Leadership Team (Information)

Dr. Baugh said this is a U.S. Department of Education initiative that provides support for school districts as they integrate technology with teaching and learning. Dr. Baugh explained the goals and said Centennial would put together a Future Ready Leadership Team. Mr. Miller asked if we receive funding. Dr. Baugh said no, not directly, but the team would be supported for travel and accommodations to national conferences.

6. TEACHER LEADER STRUCTURE - DISTRICTWIDE (Mrs. Lynch)

6.1 Teacher Leader Structure – Districtwide (Information)

Dr. Polinchock explained this is an informational item at this time. The only action needed would be to approve the reduction in the number of stipends allocated in the 2016-17 budget for teacher leaders. She said the District instituted a change in our Curriculum Resource Team structure two years ago in order to work on curriculum development and professional development. There is a need at this time to streamline those positions. Dr. Polinchock explained the teacher leadership framework beliefs and goals. The new teacher leadership structure would have 49 positions instead of the present 91 positions. All positions would be re-posted in May as internal postings due to the restructuring. Individuals selected will be participating in a coaching initiative through LaSalle University. An annual meeting schedule will be developed.

Mr. Miller said this should be an action item and explained his reason for this request. Mr. Hartline said since it is a personnel item, it needs to be an action item at some point. He asked if

there will be additional training after the LaSalle initial training. Dr. Polinchock said we will continue to provide professional development to teachers. Mr. Hartline asked if the positions would be posted annually. Dr. Polinchock said the positions will be posted annually.

7. IST/MATH SUPPORT AND MATH COACH POSITIONS (Mrs. Lynch)

7.1 IST/Math Support and Math Coach Positions (Action)

Dr. Polinchock explained administration is requesting the creation of three IST/Math Support positions, one at each elementary school, and one Math Coach Support position. All four positions would be posted. Funding would come from a reallocation of existing positions and the appropriate use of Title I and Title II funds.

In response to a question from Mr. Shafter about the Title funding, Dr. Polinchock said Title I funding this year is being used to supplement the reading specialists salaries and for tutors and supplies. Discussion continued on this topic, with additional comments made by Mr. Miller, Mrs. Lynch and Mr. Hartline.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan to move the IST/Math Support and Math Coach positions proposal to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all committee members voting and Mr. Shafter.

8. GIFTED SERVICES CHANGE AT MIDDLE LEVEL (Mrs. Lynch)

8.1 Gifted Services Change at Middle Level (Action)

Lorraine Stieber, gifted support teacher at Log College Middle School, and Kristin Riley, gifted support teacher at Klinger Middle School, explained the proposed change in the delivery of gifted services at the middle level.

Lorraine Stieber said there would be no change in grade 6 or grade 7 for gifted students. The schedule for grade 8 gifted students would change with gifted being offered every other day in a seminar type of class. The gifted teacher would push in during the regular class to enrich and differentiate on the alternating day class. The proposal is cost neutral.

In response to a question from Ms. Morgan about other school districts, Lorraine said she looked at the gifted programs in Central Bucks, Council Rock and Pennsbury and found that gifted instruction is very different in each school district. Mr. Miller asked if we would be in violation of Chapter 16 if we do not make this proposed change. Judy Hengst responded that it would be a violation because of certification issues.

Peggy Ann Cammarota said she has a child who would be affected by this change. She has numerous questions and not enough answers have been given to the parents. Mr. Hartline asked if there are plans to set up regular meetings with the gifted parents so that we can have one to one discussion and keep the lines of communication open. Ms. Morgan also asked about communicating with parents of the gifted students. Judy Hengst said they could put together sample schedules to give the parents different options and they can continue the dialogue with parents.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan to move the gifted services change at middle level to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0 with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter.

Dr. Andrew Pollock arrived at 7:15 p.m.

9. MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE – ADDITION OF RESOURCE PERIOD (Mrs. Lynch)

9.1 Middle School Schedule – Addition of Resource Period (Information)

There was no discussion on this item due to time constraints. It is a Read at Home item.

10. Middle School ESL Program (Mrs. Lynch)

10.1 Middle School ESL Program (Action)

Dr. Polinchock explained administration is requesting an exception to policy, for program efficiency, to have all middle level ESL students attend Klinger Middle School. Students who attend Log College would be transported to Klinger and the teacher currently at Log College would be reassigned to the elementary schools to provide services to the larger ESL population at the elementary level.

Mr. Miller asked for Mr. Doster’s opinion on the change. Mr. Doster said we are looking at how to best meet the needs of the students in the most efficient manner.

Discussion continued with Mr. Miller requesting more information before the May 10 School Board meeting. Additional comments were made by Mr. Adams and Mr. Shafter.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan to move the approval of the middle school ESL program to the full School Board for approval, with the understanding that more information will be provided prior to the May 10 School Board meeting. Motion carries, 4-0-0.

11. MIDDLE SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEXTBOOKS PILOT (Mrs. Lynch)

11.1 Middle School Social Studies Textbooks Pilot (Action)

Dr. Polinchock said social studies teachers, along with Mr. Joe Rutz, Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, were involved in this pilot. The books and digital licenses being piloted are available for preview.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan to move the middle school social studies textbooks pilot to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter.

12.1 ANNUAL CURRICULUM RENEWALS (Mrs. Lynch)

12.1 Annual Curriculum Renewals (Action)

Dr. Polinchock explained these are the current programs we are using and they need renewal.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan, to move the annual curriculum renewals to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter.

13. LASALLE UNIVERSITY COACHING (Mrs. Lynch)

13.1 LaSalle University Coaching (Information)

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed. It is a Read at Home item.

14. STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP) CONTRACT (Mrs. Lynch)

14.1 Student Assistance Program (SAP) Contract (Action)

Dr. Polinchock said this is a renewal of the SAP services at the middle schools and the high school. If there is a need to convene an elementary SAP team, the hourly cost is \$90 per hour.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan, to move the approval of the Student Assistance Program (SAP) contract to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan, to move the approval of the teacher leader structure, as presented, to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter.

15. ADJOURNMENT

15.1 The next Education/Pupil Services Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, second by Ms. Morgan, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries, 5-0-0, with all members of the committee voting and Mr. Shafter. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

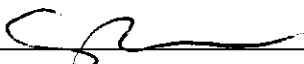
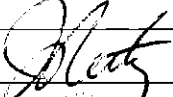


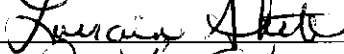
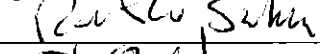

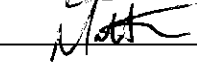
Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Polinchock, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent

**Centennial School District
Education Committee of the Board of School Directors
Meeting of April 25, 2016**

ATTENDANCE

Print Name	Signature	Please Check			
		Board	Community	Staff	Press
Steven Adams					
Kati Driban					
Michael Hartline					
Charles Kleinschmidt***					
Jane Schrader Lynch*					
Mark B. Miller**					
Dana Morgan**					
Dr. Andrew Pollock					
David S. Shafter					
Jennifer A. Polinchock					
Christine Matik					
Cathy Perkins				X	
Dr. Baugh					
Joe Rutz				X	
Thomas Blount				X	
Andrew Doster				X	
Lorraine Stieber				X	
Robert Shafter			✓		
Bart DeGrate			✓		
MITT SHADE				✓	

* Chairperson
 ** Committee Member
 *** Alternate Committee Member