

CENTENNIAL BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
Warminster, Pennsylvania

MINUTES of EDUCATION/PUPIL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD March 22, 2016

**1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

An Education/Pupil Services Committee Meeting of the Centennial School Board was held March 22, 2016 in the Administration Building. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Miller in the absence of Mrs. Lynch. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. There was an introduction of all in attendance.

Board members present: Mark B. Miller, Dana Morgan, Chuck Kleinschmidt, Steven Adams, Michael Hartline, David Shafter.

The following Administrative members were in attendance at the meeting: Dr. David Baugh, Chris Berdnik, Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Raymond Kase, Cathy Perkins, Judith Hengst.

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

**2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Mrs. Lynch)**

Mr. Miller led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A moment of silence was observed for the victims of the terroristic attack this morning in Brussels, Belgium.

Mr. Miller explained this is a new format this evening. It is not a new committee, but a combined Education/Pupil Services Committee meeting that is meeting as a committee of the whole.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Mrs. Lynch)**

**3.1 Approval of minutes from the Education Committee meeting held Monday, February 22, 2016 (Action)**

A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, second by Mr. Kleinschmidt, to approve the minutes from the Education Committee meeting of February 22, 2016. Motion carries, 3-0-0.

**4. RENEWAL OF ECA CONTRACT – FOSS KITS**

**4.1 Renewal of ECA Contract (Foss Kits) – Action**

Dr. Jennifer Polinchock, Assistant Superintendent, stated that administration is asking for approval to continue the elementary science kits with ECA for next school year. In response to a question from a member of the public, Mr. Robert Shaffer, Dr. Polinchock explained the FOSS

science kits are inquiry-based kits that contain consumables along with activities for the students to complete.

A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, second by Mr. Kleinschmidt, to move the contract with ECA for the renewal of elementary science kits for the 2016-2017 school year at a cost of \$34,877.22 to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 3-0-0.

## **5. WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER INCUBATOR CAMP CHALLENGE – 2016**

### **5.1 William Tennent High School Summer Incubator Camp Challenge – 2016 (Information)**

Dr. Polinchock provided some information on the program that was held in the summer of 2015 and the goals for the expansion of the Eli Lilly summer incubator camp challenge for the summer of 2016. Dr. Al Catarro and Dr. Dennis Best from William Tennent High School provided additional details. A partner school district was invited to participate, and Wissahickon School District has accepted. Centennial Education Foundation would continue to be involved. At this point both schools are in the process of student selection. The goal is to develop an educational prototype at the end of the process. Dr. Best also explained the multi-year plans.

Ms. Morgan said she wanted to commend the high school for becoming involved in this project. She asked how the students are selected. Dr. Best explained that they ask for nominations of grade 11 students. There is a seminar for those interested students, along with an application and an interview. Mr. Robert Shaffer asked how many students are involved. Dr. Best said Centennial will have 3 teams of 3 students and Wissahickon will have 2 teams of 3 students.

## **6. READING BENCHMARKING PROPOSAL (Mrs. Lynch)**

### **6.1 Reading Benchmarking Proposal (Action)**

Dr. Polinchock explained that with the implementation of the Journeys program this school year for Reading/Language Arts, the District is planning to add benchmarking of all students in reading. We will begin in 2016-17 with grades K-3. This is a systematic process of determining a student's instructional reading level and independent reading level by measuring comprehension and fluency in reading. One of the main goals of benchmarking is to have all students reading at grade level by the end of grade 3. Students in grades K-3 would be benchmarked 2 times per year.

Ms. Morgan had questions about benchmarking which Dr. Polinchock answered. Dr. Baugh commented principals will be meeting quarterly with him to determine, class by class, how their students are progressing.

Mr. Hartline asked about the large amount on the invoice for shipping. Dr. Polinchock said it is calculated at 8%. There was discussion about the possibility of using independent shippers to lower this cost.

Mr. Robert Shaffer had a few questions. Dr. Polinchock responded.

A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, second by Mr. Kleinschmidt, to move the purchase of the Fountas and Pinnell benchmarking system at a cost of \$39,285 for 2016-17 and \$20,637 for 2017-18 to the full School Board for approval. Motion carries, 3-0-0.

## **7. WILLIAM TENNENT HIGH SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP VIDEO PRESENTATION**

### **7.1 William Tennent High School Partnership Video Presentation (Information)**

Dr. Polinchock showed a video and power point regarding partnerships at the high school with Drexel University College of Medicine and St. Joseph's University. She explained the objectives of these trips and the benefits to our students.

Mr. Adams stated he wanted to remind the public of the opportunities such as these that are available for students at William Tennent High School.

Mrs. Maggie Yaure asked if there was an opportunity for community comment. She asked for this to be added to the committee agendas.

Ms. Morgan asked about the evening kindergarten registration that was held recently. Dr. Polinchock said registration went very well. They conducted a survey of parents who were registering to see whether their preference would be for full day kindergarten, half day kindergarten, or no preference.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

### **8.1 The next Education/Pupil Services Committee meeting will be held Monday, April 25, 2016.**

A motion was made by Ms. Morgan, second by Mr. Kleinschmidt, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries, 3-0-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Polinchock, Ed.D.

Assistant Superintendent

**Centennial School District  
Education Committee of the Board of School Directors  
Meeting of March 22, 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					
Dr. Baugh					
Joe Rutz					
Margaret K Gupta Chris Bond	Margaret K Gupta		X		
Robert Shaffer	Robert Shaffer		✓		
Dennis Bond	Dennis Bond			✓	
Judy Markush	Judy Markush			✓	
Al Carter	Al Carter			✓	
AL HERTENBERGER	Al Hertenberger		✓		

- \* Chairperson
- \*\* Committee Member
- \*\*\* Alternate Committee Member