

June 24, 2013

School Board Education Committee

Centennial Administration Building Board Room

Minutes

PRESENT:

Committee Members: Mrs. Schrader Lynch, Mrs. Betty Huf, Mr. Charles Kleinschmidt, Mr. Mark B. Miller

Board Members: Mr. Steve Adams, Mr. Michael Hartline

Staff: Dr. Joyce Mundy, Mr. Bill Gretton, Dr. Susan Klyman

Community: Mr. Robert Shaffer, Mr. Paul Rokuskie

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. There was an introduction of all in attendance.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 22, 2013 by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion passed 3-0 to approve the minutes.

21st Century Learning Lab Planetarium Curriculum

Dr. Mundy explained that Mr. Phil Vinogradov, science teacher at William Tennent High School, was away at a conference this week. He created a video to explain the two programs that are proposed to be purchased.

Mr. Miller asked if the vendor would provide updates in the event we learn more about cell technology during the 50 years that we have the site license. Dr. Mundy said yes. He also asked about what would happen if we have technology upgrades to our system and the use of these licenses. Dr. Mundy said the vendor has agreed to update this with us.

Mrs. Huf wanted to know the number of classes that would be served by purchasing these two site licenses. Dr. Mundy responded that she would get that information for the Board. Dr. Mundy stated that Mr. Vinogradov will be invited to the next Education Committee meeting in September to provide more information.

Mr. Hartline asked about the 3-5 year goals for the lab. Mrs. Schrader Lynch requested a complete schedule of the visits by every grade level to the 21st Century Learning Lab. She also asked about a schedule of visits by the public for next year.

Mr. Miller requested the names of the programs that we presently have and the season when they are presented. He would like to know what programs are for the planetarium and which ones are for the 21st Century Learning Lab.

Mr. Adams asked about the budget for the lab. Mr. Hartline noted that Mr. Vinogradov would need to put budget requests in the budget every year if additional purchases are needed for the lab. There was discussion of Mr. Vinogradov's many roles, classroom duties, the planetarium and writing more programs for the lab.

Mr. Shaffer spoke about his concern with the use of the telescope that was donated. He suggested we contact the Bucks/Montgomery County Astronomy Association to see if they could provide a skilled volunteer to help with the telescope. Mr. Miller noted that Mr. Vinogradov has been contacted by a former Centennial science teacher who can possibly provide assistance in this area. Mr. Hartline asked about annual maintenance on the telescope.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller to move to the full Board for approval the request to purchase the two site licenses. The motion passed, 3-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Huf, to amend the minutes of the May 22 Education Committee. Under the Curriculum Renewal section, Mr. Hartline's name was listed by mistake as the person who seconded the motion. That should be corrected since Mr. Hartline is not an Education Committee member. The motion passed, 3-0.

Autistic Support Class Proposal

Mr. Klyman presented her proposal to form a new Centennial operated autistic support class. There was a question from Mr. Miller about the number of students coming up from lower grades. He requested the data by grade level for the Board meeting the next evening. Mr. Hartline noted we are proposing to provide the best possible program for the students, and he wants to make it a three year commitment.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller, to move the autistic support class proposal forward to the Board for approval, with the understanding that it would be a three year commitment and with a memo of backup information as requested. The motion passed, 3-0.

Emotional Support Class Proposal

Dr. Klyman requested having the emotional support classes for middle school students be held at Log College for the 2013-2014 school year. She noted that this proposal went through Curriculum Council and it had a positive outcome at that level. Dr. Klyman explained that the request is to simply move the allocation for the expense of this class from Klinger to Log College where there is more of a need. This is also supported by the administration at Log and Klinger.

Mr. Miller requested the notes from the Curriculum Council meeting. Dr. Mundy responded that Curriculum Council meets three times per year and she would make

arrangements to get a summary of the Curriculum Council meetings to the Education Committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller, to move the emotional support class proposal to the full Board for approval. The motion passed, 3-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Huf, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed, 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Joyce Mundy
Substitute Superintendent