

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Minutes of the  
Education Committee Meeting  
February 23, 2011 – 5 p.m.  
Board Room, Trinity Hall

**Members of the Committee: Dennis McWreath (Chairperson); John Keisling; Dorothy Tecklenburg and JoAnn Standish**

Committee members present: Dennis McWreath and JoAnn Standish

Board members present: Ronald Harton

Absent: Dorothy Tecklenburg and John Keisling

Others present: Paul Kasunich, Superintendent, arrived at 5:30 p.m.; Gordon Lowry, Music Department Chair; Lisa Judkins and Loretta Koleck, Elementary Music teachers and Judy Walz, recording secretary.

Community members present were: Frances Eates, Debra Lukas, Lois Chisholm, Ken Bonnell, Diane Ecker, Andrea Andy, Stacey McCullough, Brandy Lubozeniti, Tracy Krenzela, Rebecca Booher, Monica Weichel, Deanna Kraeer, Kelly Proudfit and Mike Williamson.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mr. McWreath followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mrs. Judkins and Mrs. Koleck announced that the elementary schools will begin hosting a week long music celebration in place of the previous school-wide performance. Mrs. Judkins indicated that the celebration, entitled "Meet Me in Music" will allow parents to visit their child's music class to participate in an activity and have a first-hand view of the music curriculum. Concern was raised with regard to how families with more than one child would participate.

Mr. McWreath gave an update on the AP classes with fewer than 15 students, indicating that AP Physics, Calculus BC, Computer Science and Music Theory would be offered; AP Economics would be offered on-line through APEX. He noted that AP Environmental Science would not be offered at this time, but online options were being investigated. Discussion was held regarding misplacing students in AP courses and who would be monitoring on-line courses.

Dr. Kasunich reviewed Trinity's Empirical Data regarding Full Day Kindergarten and noted that changes had been made to the Kindergarten and first grade curriculum to reflect the full day program. He noted that curriculum would be updated for second and third grade over the summer. He indicated that flexible grouping had been initiated in third grade this year and would begin in first and second grades next year, with the goal being K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Mr. McWreath indicated that it would be his recommendation to maintain the full day kindergarten program. Discussion was held regarding how the program would be funded.

Dr. Kasunich updated the committee with regard to Mr. Minnick's report on the Terra Nova test given to second graders, indicating that the data was used minimally. He noted that Mr. Minnick was looking at other options and that the results of 4Sight testing at the beginning of third are used as a

baseline for instruction. Mrs. Ecker voiced her opinion that the Terra Nova was a valuable tool in screening for gifted and special education.

Dr. Kasunich reviewed the curriculum cycle, noting that the adoption of a new reading series had been delayed due to the implementation of Dibels. Mr. McWreath noted that the Social Studies curriculum was scheduled for adoption this year.

Mr. McWreath discussed possible school configurations. Dr. Kasunich noted that the goals and objectives of Trinity must be looked at with regard to the impact on student achievement. Discussion was held focused on the possibility of a Kindergarten center at the high school.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.