

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Education Committee Meeting  
March 13, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.  
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Tamara Salvatori.

Committee members present: Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson; Jennifer Morgan, Penny Caleffe, Karen Huff, Rebecca Cardone and Joe Dunn

Also present: Michael Lucas, Assistant Superintendent; Don Snoke, HS Principal; Pete Keruskin, MS Principal; Michelle Ostrosky, Beth Tully, elementary principals; Cindy Garda, HS Guidance Counselor; Mary Bertsch and Christy Bastos, elementary teachers and Judy Walz, recording secretary

Public Comment: None

Dr. Lucas introduced Bill Rullo, Guidance Counselor from Upper St. Clair High School. Mr. Rullo discussed Upper St. Clair's decision to eliminate class rank.

Mr. Keruskin explained the criteria used to select students for sixth grade advanced math. Flexible grouping was also discussed.

Dr. Tully and Mrs. Bastos presented the new Language Arts series being considered for Kindergarten through sixth grade.

Mrs. Bertsch presented options being considered to offer more hands-on science in the elementary classrooms.

Mr. Keruskin and Mr. Snoke discussed the different tutoring options available to students in the middle and high schools. Dr. Lucas expressed the need for tutoring at the elementary level. He also reviewed current class sizes in the elementary buildings.

Mrs. Garda reported on the Ninth Grade Academy being implemented next year; the program is designed to support identified incoming freshmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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