

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Minutes
Education Committee Meeting
February 10, 2014
Board Room – Trinity Hall

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by the Chairperson, Jennifer Morgan.

Committee members present were: Jennifer Morgan, Chairperson, Penny Caleffe, Tom Durbin, Jennifer Lanas, Dana Ledger, Andy Migyanko, Sarah Nee, Nicole Bockstoce, Craig Uram and Stacey McCullough and Dr. Michael Lucas

Absent: Brandon Robinson

Also present: Jennifer Yim, Nicole Bockstoce, Kristen Shaw, Pete Keruskin, and Don Snoke

- I. Public Comment**
None
- II. Writing initiative updates from the middle school and high school English departments –**
Elementary, Middle School and High School representatives Jennifer Yim, Nicole Bockstoce, Pete Keruskin and Kristen Shaw, shared writing initiatives and rubrics.
- III. Online Textbooks –**
Dr. Lucas shared current e-text information in regard to subscriptions of licenses.
- IV. Robotics at the high school –**
John Husk proposed adding a robotics unit in the Intro to Tech Education course. He shared his visit to Penn Hills High School; he also shared details of the proposed course.
- V. Discussion- Retention Policy –**
Sample policies were shared. Summer school was discussed as well as financial concerns. There was discussion on what to do about students who have not mastered the necessary skills to be promoted to the next level.
- VI. Discussion- Three tracks to two tracks in HS English, Science, and Social Studies-**
Mr. Snoke shared report card data. He also discussed the progress and potential benefits and challenges with two tracks. Mrs. Lanas and Mrs. Trapuzzano also shared their opinions. Dr. Lucas shared the Comprehensive Plan, two research articles, Shaler and Trinity demographics and achievement data supporting the elimination of the academic track.
- VII. New Business-**
None

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.