

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the  
EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 9, 2013  
Board Room – Trinity Hall

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

**Public Comment**

Diane Ecker, South Strabane Township, expressed concern over the number of students assigned to study halls. Dr. Lucas will e-mail the committee the number of students in the study halls. Mrs. Salvatori discussed eighth grade A.P. students not being prioritized to schedule first.

**Arena Scheduling**

The benefits and challenges of arena scheduling were discussed. Students and parents gain a sense of ownership by choosing their schedule. Choosing courses can cause stress for both students and parents. Concerns were expressed that arena scheduling was taking students from the classroom. It was noted that orchestra is difficult to schedule.

**Number of students that participated in PE cyber course this summer**

Sherrie MacKinney presented the exact number of students that participated in the program. She discussed criteria and the concern of too many students being permitted to take cyber phys ed not meeting the criteria.

**Sports and participation in gym class**

Ms. MacKinney presented possible issues. She also provided literature from PDE requiring phys ed with no exceptions.

**Kindergarten Orientation/KinderCamp**

The first three days of kindergarten were discussed. The benefits to the program were shared. Parents provided positive feedback. Other options were also shared.

**AP Testing**

The benefits and challenges to mandating AP testing were discussed. Several different options were shared. New options will be proposed to the Superintendent.

**New Business**

The school calendar was discussed; there was concern that the 2013-14 school year ends on a Monday.

The meeting adjourned a 6:12 p.m.

Committee members: Tamara Salvatori, Chairperson; Jennifer Morgan, Penny Caleffe, Jennifer Lanas, Dana Ledger, Andy Migyanko, Sarah Nee
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