

TRINITY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the
EDUCATION
COMMITTEE MEETING
April 7, 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, Brandon Robinson, Craig Uram, Karen Huff, Stacey McCullough, and Dr. Michael Lucas.

Also present: Frances Eates, Ben Trapuzzano, Michelle Ostrosky, Jack Minnick, Pete Keruskin, Sandra Deems, Don Snoke, Dr. Beth Tully, and Lindsey Benzenhoefer

Public Comment

None

Middle School Video Project

Lindsey Benzenhoefer presented middle school students' video projects. She shared three student samples which demonstrated the students' creative and tech savvy skills. Students created trailer movies/commercials using *i-movie* to demonstrate their knowledge of the novel, *Tangerine*.

14-15 Science Elementary Kits - Kindergarten

Dr. Tully discussed Science Matters science kits. There were concerns noted in the kindergarten solids and liquids kit regarding the age appropriateness of the kit. The committee discussed having one kindergarten kit versus two kits. Dr. Tully will research options for kindergarten kits for the 2014-2015 school year.

Summer School- Retention

Summer school options for high school students are being planned. Mr. Snoke will put a proposal together. It will be a credit recovery program paid for by the students/parents and will require daily attendance. The elementary and middle school will not have summer school options.

Kinder Camp

The committee discussed options for a cost effective Kindercamp/orientation. Mr. Minnick presented a new option to the committee. Dr. Lucas will meet with the elementary principals to further discuss options for Kindercamp.

Agriculture Update

Dr. Lucas is working with PDE and Mr. Snoke to move forward with creating a Vocational Agriculture program.

Preschool Update

Funding is expected for North Elementary to provide a pre-school program next school year. Trinity Area is partnering with Community Action to secure the grant funding. Ideally T ASD will offer pre-school at North and West next year. All pre-school age students in the district can apply to enroll in the program. Qualifications will be based on specific economic conditions of the families. The school community will be updated once the grants are finalized.

New Business

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.